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## C. & O. RAILWAY IS UNDER OPTION TO NEW INTERESTS

The Van Swerengers Report-  
ed to be Arranging to Buy  
Controlling Stock.

NEW YORK.—The Van Swerengers interests of Cleveland, who in the summer of 1916 started the railroad world by acquiring the majority stock of the "Nickel Plate" Railroad from the New York Central and more recently added the New York, Chicago and St. Louis and the Lake Erie and Western to their holdings, are now understood to be dickering for working control of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

It was said that the Van Swerengers were seeking to acquire the stockholdings of H. E. Huntington, chairman of the C. & O. Directorate, who, because of his advanced years, is understood to be willing to dispose of his holdings, should satisfactory terms regarding price be arranged.

The purchaser of these holdings, it was said, would have sufficient stock to secure a dominant voice in the Chesapeake & Ohio management.

A rise of more than two points in C. & O. common on the Stock Exchange resulted from the circulation of the rumors that new interests were desirous of securing enough new stock to give them working control of the road.

The rapidity with which the Van Swerengers have expanded their activities as real estate operators in Cleveland to a position of prominence in the railroad world has caused doubts to arise in some quarters of the financial district as to whether they would be able to finance an operation as large as that involved in the Chesapeake & Ohio.

The railroad mileage already controlled by the Van Swerengers in the Cleveland and Western approximates 1,700 miles. At the end of 1921 the C. & O. operated 2,232 miles of line, which, in the event of purchase of the Huntington holdings, would give the Cleveland interests a dominating voice in the management of nearly 4,000 miles.

The main line of the C. & O. runs from Chicago to Norfolk, Va. The Hocking Valley, a subsidiary owned by the Chesapeake & Ohio, secures an enjoy a high rating. Total funded debt amounts to \$217,724,100, exclusive of \$5,384,666 guaranteed bonds of controlled companies. Capital stock outstanding consists of \$12,558,500 preferred, recently created, and \$62,792,400 common. The preferred pays 6 1/2 per cent in dividends and the common 4 per cent.

Based on the earnings for the nine months ended September 30 with the remainder of the year estimated, it is estimated that the company this year will earn more than 5 per cent on the total property investment, 5.25 per cent on the preferred stock and 10.19 per cent on the common.

## MAN ELECTROCUTED AT PIKEVILLE, KY.

Guy Wright, aged 33 years, was accidentally electrocuted at Pikeville Saturday night when he became entangled in a live wire. His body was taken to St. Albans, W. Va., for burial and services were conducted there Tuesday afternoon by the pastor of the Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Mr. Wright is survived by his wife and two children. He was connected with the Automatic Refrigerator Co. and his home was at Huntington, W. Va. He was an electrical engineer and arrived at Pikeville at 10 p. m. Saturday night to repair an electric elevator for the Coleman Fruit Co. and had gone to the company's wholesale store with his car. L. B. Coleman, and repaired the elevator. He remarked to Coleman: "Here is where the trouble was" and at the same time came in contact with the wire. He then said, "I can't get loose." Coleman attempted to pull him loose but failed and ran to the second floor to turn off the current, after being asked to do so by Wright. Wright expired within a few seconds.

## GRANDPARENTS WIN CLAIM TO KEEP CHILD

PIKEVILLE.—Recently Virgie Vanover of Dorton instituted habeas corpus proceedings in an effort to obtain possession of her six year old child, Lora Belle Johnson, from whom she had been separated since Lora Belle was a year old when she and her husband, James Vanover, parted.

The child had lived with its grandparents, Cas Johnson and Cosby Johnson and their attachment to each other had become remarkable. On the trial before Judge Childers here Attorney L. J. May, representing the grandparents claim to the child, won the case.

WAYNE COUNTY MAN DIES.  
Lewis Rakes, 62, died at Dock's Creek last Saturday. His wife, three daughters and one son survive: Mrs. J. B. Plymale, of Ceredo; Mrs. Robt. Powell, Mrs. Chas. Johnson and Edward Rakes of Kenova.

## "Big Six" Matty Sells Christmas Seals.



"Big Six" Christy Mathewson, baseball's greatest hero, who for two years has fought a winning fight against the white plague, is this Christmas season giving his time to the cause.

## HIGH COURT VOIDS CLAYHOLE TRIALS

Sentences of Four Democrats Is Reversed by Court of Appeals.

FRANKFORT.—Democrats, convicted of the murder of George McIntosh in the Clayhole precinct election day battle in Breathitt county, were granted new trials by the Court of Appeals, which recently held that the same Republicans, engaged in the fray, did not render themselves immune by testifying against the Democrats.

Judge Moorman handed down an opinion holding that the Boyd Circuit Court, to which the cases were transferred on change of venue, erred in omitting instructions on self-defense and in excluding testimony of the defense intended to show that they were the victims and not the abettors of the conspiracy. Defendants on both sides are indicted on charges of committing murders in the pursuit of independent conspiracies to prevent the election in Clayhole Precinct in the race in 1921 between Dr. J. D. Whiteaker, Democrat, and Mitch Crane, Republican, for Senator in the Thirtieth District, which would bring the four Democrats into the 1922 Senate.

The Democrats whose convictions were reversed are Leslie Combs and George Allen, Jr., sentenced to fifteen years each, and French and Shade Combs, sentenced to five years each. They contended that they were in the precinct which is Democratic, and that the nine Republicans involved in the fray were in other precincts and were the aggressors. The testimony thrown out was supporting the charge that the others shot up the ballot box for the battle.

The Court held that, while Judge Sam Hurst should have vacated the bench in Breathitt on motion of these defendants, his subsequent order granting a change of venue to Boyd county was not necessarily, therefore, void.

Four men were killed and seventeen were wounded in the election fight. Trials of the nine defendants, the so-called republican side of the Clayhole case, will be heard in Catlettsburg in January. Whether the new trials of the four Democrats will be heard at that time is not known.

Attorneys for Shade, French and Leslie Combs and George Allen Jr. say that the prisoners will be released on bond as they believe that the opposing side will not offer opposition to such a move. They will return to Breathitt county as soon as they are released.

## COURT OF APPEALS. Hawkins, etc., vs. Cook, Pike. Appeal denied, judgment affirmed.

Hay vs. Tolbert, Lawrence. Appeal granted and judgment reversed.  
Watts vs. Commonwealth, Breathitt. Reversed.  
Harris vs. Music et al, Boyd. Reversed.

## FIRE DESTROYS THE GRUBB HOME

Willie A. Grubb's residence at Ellen, this county, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. Mrs. Grubb and two small children were in the house at the time, but did not know how the fire started. The flames had made so much headway by the time the fire was discovered that nothing was saved. The loss is considerable.

At the time of the fire Mr. Grubb was away looking after the digging of a grave for his mother, who died Monday.

Mr. Grubb is a merchant and his store building stands near the site of the residence, but the store was not burned.

MORGAN COUNTY MAN DROWNS.  
The West Liberty Courier says that Frank Wells was drowned when taking a raft down the river. He and his brother, J. R. Wells, were on the raft when it ran onto a sand bar. They tied it up and J. R. left Frank on the raft. When he returned he failed to find his brother. A search was made and the body was found about a hundred yards below the raft. His wife and several children survive.

## SIMMONS ROAD ACT IS HELD VOID BY COURT OF APPEALS

Legislative Appointment Proves to be Downfall of State Highway Measure.

FRANKFORT.—The Simmons Road Act of 1922, abolishing Governor Morrow's State Highway Commission and creating a new one named by the General Assembly, was held unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals in an opinion by Judge Thomas, the whole court sitting and Judge William Rogers Clay dissenting.

The decision affirms the judgment of Judge Sam Hurst of Breathittville, presiding over the Franklin Circuit Court, that the appointment of executive officers is an executive function. What incidental bearing the decision might have on the Normal School situation, in view of contemplated proceedings by State Auditor John J. Craig to test the validity of the act creating the commission to select Normal School sites, is contained in the dictum that the "opinion is not intended to apply to temporary agencies for the construction of public buildings or to persons designated to perform a single or temporary act and in no sense performing a continuous public trust." The court then adds that this is intended to mean that it is not passing on such questions at this time.

In consequence of this opinion the present commission, composed of H. Green Garrett, Winchester, chairman; Hugh H. Asher, Pineville; Leslie Samuels, Bardonia, and Ben Weille, Paducah, will continue in office. The act named Mr. Wells and Mr. Samuels on the commission with Gen. William L. Sibert of Bowling Green, retired Army engineer, who was chiefly responsible for the successful engineering enterprise of the Panama Canal, and M. L. Colley of Cannel City, who has since died.

## Boy Playing Santa Is Severely Burned

Wallace Myers, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers of Logan, W. Va., was severely burned at that place Friday night. The lad was playing Santa Claus at a church entertainment. He was wearing a false face with a cotton beard and when he reached into the tree, lighted with candles to get out a present his beard was ignited. He was severely burned about the face, chest and body and is in a critical condition.

Mr. Frank Myers is a son of Capt. Billie Myers, popular C. & O. conductor on the Big Sandy division.

## INJURY FATAL TO MRS. GRUBB

Mrs. Hester Grubb died at Catlettsburg Monday night from the effects of a fall a week before which caused internal injuries. The body was brought here and taken out to her home at Ellen, this county, where interment was made yesterday.

Mrs. Grubb had been visiting a woman who had grown up in her home and the accident occurred not long after she arrived there.

She was 56 years old, widow of Scott Grubb who died 17 years ago. Previous to her marriage she was a Hawes. Six children survive, Willie A. and Harlan of Ellen, Eustis of Texas, Mrs. Ethel Holton, Mrs. James Walter Young of Louisa, and Mrs. Louisa Burch of Blaine.

Mrs. Grubb was a woman highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church South. Her death will be felt in her neighborhood as a real loss.

## Mine Fatalities Total 33 in W. Va. in Month

Mine fatalities in West Virginia in November numbered 33, of whom 22 were Americans and 11 foreigners. Two of those killed were outside workmen and 31 were employed on the inside of the mines. Five men came to their death as a result of mine accidents. One was killed by running machine, one by shaft, one by electricity and three in miscellaneous accidents.

## BREATHITT DEATH PENALTY REVERSED BY HIGH COURT

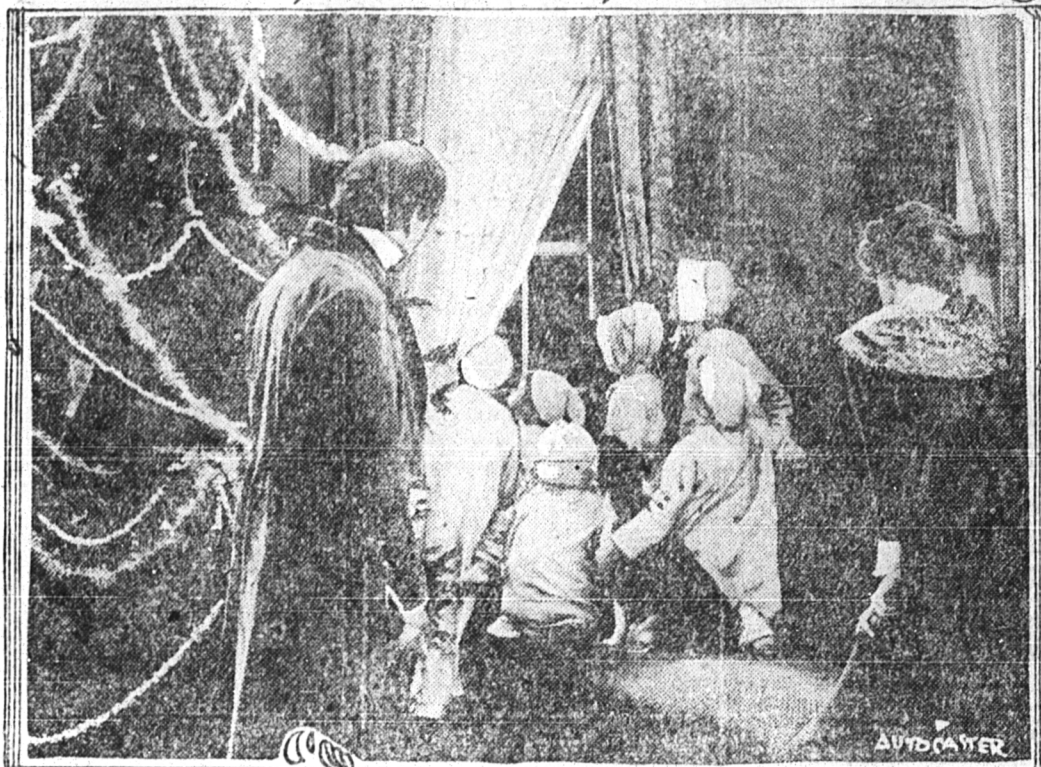
The death penalty imposed on William Penn Watts in the Breathitt circuit court for the killing of Mrs. Maggie Allen was reversed by the Court of Appeals. The higher court held that the lower court erred in its instructions to the jury.

Watts was indicted jointly with Bud Noble, Soldier Noble, Beecher Noble, Tom Porter, Sam Grigsby, Hagins Noble, Luther Noble and Lewis Watts as a result of the raid on the jail in Jackson which resulted in the death of Mrs. Allen and Albert Roberts.

## MR. COLLINSWORTH RECOVERING

Jeff Collinsworth, who was burned very severely recently on the arms and face, is slowly improving. He was blasting rock on the Mayo Trail and poured powder into a hole too soon after a "springing shot" had been put off.

## Come On, Old Santa, We're Waiting



## GUNNELL SHOE CO. MOVES TO ASHLAND

The following from the Ashland Independent is of special interest to Louisa readers. Mr. Gunnell, president of the company, was a native of Louisa, as was also his wife, Miss Blaise Thomas. They have many friends here who have noted with interest the progress of the business of which he is manager.

Removal from Catlettsburg to Ashland of the Glay-Gunnell Shoe Company (wholesale shoes), increase of the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$400,000 and the erection of a four-story wholesale shoe building on a lot to be bought here, will be the outstanding mercantile transaction of the coming week, it was learned from an authoritative source here last night.

George F. Gunnell, president of the company which now conducts the business in Catlettsburg, confirmed the rumor that reorganization and expansion was imminent. It is understood a meeting of the stockholders was held at Catlettsburg on Wednesday of this week to vote on the proposition. "While additional stock will be offered to the public, those chiefly interested in the project are George Gunnell, John E. Bickingham, John and Charles Russell, Col. T. A. Field, John T. McClintock, Ben Williamson, Ernest Meek and former Senator George B. Martin.

The company will at that time concentrate the largest wholesale shoe store in the tri-state region and will be one of Ashland's largest mercantile establishments. A lot is to be bought in Ashland for the new building which will be a four-story brick structure equipped with the most modern facilities for displaying, packing, shipping and storing shoes.

It was learned that the change from Catlettsburg to Ashland may be consummated within a few weeks, the stock at first being moved into a temporary building and later to be placed in the new building. It could not be learned what location the promoters have in mind.

The Glay-Gunnell Shoe Company is one of Catlettsburg's leading business houses and has been enthusiastically successful since it was organized several years ago by the late George Gunnell, Sr. and the late George Clay. Since the deaths of those men George F. Gunnell has been president and general manager.

Mr. Gunnell recently bought property at Front-street and Montgomery avenue where he will build a home and become a resident of Ashland.

## OIL DEMAND IS MORE THAN SUPPLY

Predictions as to the price of oil are usually not worth much, because the Standard Oil Company controls it and only the few men at the head of it know in advance what their plans are. The following is from the Cincinnati Enquirer:

"Frank D. Kistler, Chairman of the Board of the Producers and Refiners' Corporation, is quoted as saying that in the face of the increasing demand at home and abroad the outlook is decidedly good for the advancement in the price of crude oil and refined products until production is sufficient to meet the needs of the world markets. Late figures show according to Mr. Kistler, that current consumption in this country exceeds the domestic production of crude oil in the United States by about 100,000 barrels a day."

## MRS. CURRY OF ASHLAND BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Belle Curry, 73 years old, died at the home of her son, Norman W. Curry, Ashland, Wednesday as the result of burns sustained when her clothing was ignited in some unknown manner. She was alone upstairs when her screams brought members of her family to her assistance.

## County Agent Baker Returns From Meeting

County Agent G. C. Baker was in Lexington all last week attending the annual meeting of the Kentucky county agents and home demonstration agents at which one hundred and forty were in attendance.

The convention was held every day in the agriculture building at the University. Many prominent agriculturists were on the program and the various talks were very helpful to all who attended. Foremost among the speakers were C. B. Smith, chief of the office of extension work at the United States department of agriculture and George E. Parrell, field agent for the United States department extension work. They praised highly the Kentucky plan of community club work and congratulated the agents upon their efforts to plant the new farm enterprise firmly throughout the state.

## Wayne Man Killed At Kenova by Car

A man thought to be Welch Collins, of Wayne, W. Va., was killed early Tuesday morning at Kenova's corner in Kenova when struck by a street car. The report stated that Collins was lying face downward on the street car tracks and was not seen by the motorman until it was too late to apply the brakes.

## SAM FRAZIER DIES AT FT. GAY

The death of Sam G. Frazier occurred on Saturday morning at his home in Fort Gay, W. Va., following a long illness. He was a brother of L. J. Frazier of Catlettsburg, and W. J. Frazier of Logan, W. Va. They were sons of Wm. F. Frazier, deceased, and were reared in Fort Gay. Sam Frazier spent his entire life there. He was 69 years of age and was never married. His brothers were at his bedside in his last hours.

Mr. Frazier had for many years been a member of Vinson Masonic lodge, and the funeral service was in charge of the lodge and was conducted at the M. E. Church South on Monday morning at 10:30. Burial took place in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. Frazier was always a good citizen, honest, intelligent, and well respected.

## Wayne and Logan Counties Included in Road Work

The West Virginia state road commission awarded contracts Wednesday for the grading and draining of 93 miles of state roads in fourteen counties and construction of two bridges in Wayne and Logan counties. The cost of the work will be more than \$1,000,000, it is said.

The counties in which the work is to be done are Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Wayne, Pleasants, Wetzel, Braxton, Doddridge, Mineral, Pendleton, Randolph and McDowell.

## H. F. SAMMONS MAKING GOOD AT UNIVERSITY

(Special to the News)  
LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 18.—There is a certain type of students at the University of Kentucky which characterizes itself by its quiet presence mingled with an aloofness from the various avocative activities at that institution but which builds a foundation that always, in itself, bespeaks a greater future structure.

One of this particular type is H. F. Sammons, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sammons, of Louisa. Sammons is now turning the last post in his college course as a Senior in the College of Engineering with his specialty work in Civil Engineering. He is a member of the Horace Mann Literary Society and the American Society of Civil Engineers, but his successful attention and devotion to his studies have been his greatest college attributes.

## EXCITEMENT IN BREATHITT COURT

JACKSON, Ky.—After a tense moment Saturday during the trial of Eleanora Nathan and Wilson Clemens charged with the murder of Green Watkins, in which spectators, counsel and witnesses were on their feet, Judge Sam Hurst ordered all women entering the court room to be searched.

Mrs. Rudy Dodson was appointed deputy sheriff and took her stand with the seven men guards at the door. A Colt's "45" was strapped around her waist.

The trial is proving one of the most bitter ever fought in this section of the State. Fearful lest permanent vengeance seek a solution of the crime before the law has taken its course, Judge Hurst is using every precaution to prevent a clash between the opposing parties.

The jurist has established an exit order for those in the court house when court adjourns. The defendants and their counsel with a guard are the first to leave. These are followed by the jurors. The spectators then file out.

Saturday afternoon as Attorney A. F. Byrd for the defense asked Bud Combs on the stand if friends of Watkins had not intimidated the witness on the edge of town, an objection was raised by the Commonwealth. Attorney Byrd then turned to the jurors. It is said, and shouted: "Well, it is the truth anyway." Clay Watkins, brother of the man slain, shouted that the statement of the attorney was not true. As Byrd turned to face his accuser spectators and counsel jumped to their feet. Judge Hurst threatened to clear the courtroom and place both in jail unless order was immediately restored. Deputy sheriffs appeared behind the bar and the trial was soon under way again.—Courier-Journal.

## New Auditorium For Morgan High School

The West Liberty Courier says:—Work will be commenced this week on a new auditorium for the Morgan County High School. The building will be 50x70 feet and will have a commodious stage in the rear. The building is being erected to take care of the increased attendance in the school. It will be used for chapel exercises and the chapel in the school building will be converted into class rooms. The new building will also be used as a gymnasium, assembly hall and for school entertainments. It will also be a community center and will add much to the effectiveness of the school. The Board of Education is to be commended for its forward-looking in this matter.

## STATE'S SHARE IN ROAD FUNDS SET

WASHINGTON.—A total of \$68,781,553 for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1924, would be set aside by the annual agricultural appropriation bill received by the House. This is \$21,852,380 more than the total of the 1923 appropriations and \$250,000 less than the amount requested in the budget estimates.

Out of the \$68,781,553 total, \$32,309,690 would be appropriated for road construction, in accordance with the Federal Highway Act of 1921.

In connection with this Federal Aid Act, it was estimated by the department in the hearings on the present bill before the House Appropriations Committee that Kentucky will have \$1,551,603 as a net balance for road work to its credit in the Federal Treasury July 1, 1923.

The same report shows that 109.4 miles of Federal aid roads were completed in Kentucky during the fiscal year 1922, the State receiving \$1,699,804 in Government funds. Of this 109.4 miles of road, 77.3 miles are listed as old roads that were graded and drained.

## APPEAL TO R. R. COMMISSION FOR BETTER SERVICE

Petitions From Big Sandy Valley Asking that C. & O. Improve Equipment.

Citizens of Pikeville have started a movement to appeal to the Kentucky Railroad Commission for better equipment and better service on Big Sandy passenger trains. A petition was sent to Louisa, and other cities in the valley and is being circulated.

All other efforts to get relief have failed. The Big Sandy News has been assured by C. & O. officials two or three times that this matter would be attended to. The last time was about two years when we were asked to discontinue our attacks on the ground that war conditions were still burdening the road; but we were told that the Big Sandy division would be improved as soon as possible. Nothing more has been heard about it and we are convinced that vigorous action will be necessary to bring about any improvement.

The NEWS has defended the railroads when it believed they were right and in cases where injustice was evident; but we are sure the public is not receiving fair treatment at the hands of the C. & O. on the Big Sandy division.

Coaches decent enough for ladies to ride in are demanded so that those who do not want to pay the unreasonable excess for a seat in the chair car may travel in a coach. Also, to accommodate those who find the chair car full, which is often the case than otherwise.

## Airplane Trips to Blaine and Keaton

John Wood made two airplane trips to Blaine Wednesday for passengers. On one of these trips he carried the first woman passenger who has made the flight. Miss Nola Edwards, deputy county clerk, was taken to her home one mile beyond Blaine town. B. B. Bird, an oil worker, made the trip at the same time.

Dr. H. H. Sparks and Dr. C. B. Walters, two of Louisa's dentists, made the trip from Louisa to Blaine on Thursday afternoon of last week. Mr. Wood will establish permanent service between these points if the business will justify it.

## HON. Z. T. VINSON TO SPEAK HERE

Hon. Z. T. Vinson, of Huntington, very kindly has accepted an invitation from Sunday School Supt. Augustus Snyder to come to Louisa and give a talk on some of the things he saw in Europe last summer, particularly the passion play, which he saw at Oberammergau. The date has not been fixed, but it will be some time before January 20th. If an evening date is selected an effort will be made to have Lon Hutchinson come over from Huntington and show the pictures of the Passion Play, which he possesses. This will be a great occasion. Mr. Vinson's ability is well known here and he is always an interesting speaker. Having spent a large part of his boyhood as resident of Louisa he is glad to return at any time. Before the date for the home coming event was fixed, he wrote the NEWS that he was looking forward to the occasion with great pleasure. But he was yet in Europe when the affair took place, and therefore we missed having him with us. Lon Hutchinson also was a citizen of Louisa in the days of his youth. He was here during the home coming.

Full particulars will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed.

## Biggs Insurance Case Continued in Court

The case of Lola Fannin guardian, against the Federal Life Insurance Co. in which suit has been brought against the life insurance company on behalf of T. S. Biggs of New Hill, for \$5000 alleged to be due the son on an accident policy held by his father, was continued until Thursday by Judge Cochran.

Doctor Biggs, policy holder, it will be remembered was shot and killed in Oliver Hill by Charles F. Duval last winter.

## CLAYHOLE MEN GIVE BOND AND ARE RELEASED

French, Leslie and Shade Combs and George Allen, Jr., executed bond Wednesday and departed for their respective homes in Breathitt county. The signers of the bond are Elbert Hargis, Jackson; Sewell Williams, Jackson; S. J. Cockrell, Jackson; S. H. McInosh, Clayhole; Clay Watkins, Jackson; E. C. Hyden, Jackson; W. H. Flannery, Catlettsburg, and John Hollon, Ashland. The bonds were fixed at \$5,000 each and the trials are set for the fourth day of the May term.—Ashland Independent.

Miss Elizabeth Yates returned Wednesday evening from Ashland where she had spent the past few months with Mrs. Nora Sullivan.

G. B. Roberts and family, of Lexington, are here to spend the holidays with relatives.







## LETTERS FROM RURAL DISTRICTS

## LOWMANVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Pack and daughter took dinner with Mrs. Lyons Sunday.

Mrs. Allie Griffith and little son of Glo are visiting home folks this week.

Angie and Opal Dehord have returned home from Offit where they have been for the past week.

Uncle Joe Borders took dinner with Mrs. Borders Dehord Saturday.

Henry Griffith returned home from Glo where he has been employed.

Frank Miller of Meads Branch is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffith Friday and Saturday.

Uncle Joe Borders was the Saturday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lyons.

Lys Hannah has returned home from his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Arby Young of Patrick are visiting home folks.

Mrs. Vencie Griffith was visiting Mrs. Lydia Dehord Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Chandler who has been visiting her daughter at Betsy Layne has returned home.

Orla Dehord visited Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Dehord Saturday.

Richard Dehord was the Saturday night guest of Vern Hatfield.

Rev. Willie Skaggs preached here Sunday.

Ervin Griffith took dinner with his daughter, Mrs. Steady Young.

Mrs. Vencie Griffith visited Mrs. Cora Toller Thursday.

Orla Dehord was the overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Dehord and Mrs. Lizzie Edwards were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffith Sunday.

Mrs. Matilda Griffith who has been sick for some time is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mantford Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hatfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Young Wednesday.

Angie Dehord was the Sunday night guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mantford Skaggs.

Misses Beulah Florence and Julia Griffith were the overnight guests of Misses Gladys and Cora Hatfield Saturday.

Mrs. Anita Brown was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hatfield.

Prayer meeting was largely attended at Joe Young's Sunday night.

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## DRY RIDGE

Sunday School is progressing nicely with Mrs. Eliza Ball Supt.

Miss Clara Moore was the Sunday afternoon guest of Misses Sula Carter and Eliza Burch.

Miss Mary J. Whit was the dinner guest of Miss Sheldia Jordan Sunday.

Born, Dec. 11th to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ball, a fine boy.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Cox Carter of Ellen, also the little girl of W. S. Burton.

Mrs. Enamine Burt is some better.

Homer and Sylvester Ball made a business trip to Louisa Saturday.

Ernie Roberts and Robt. Jordan were calling on Richie Hyton Sunday.

Fred Ham returned home Tuesday from Columbus where he had been visiting relatives.

Ernie Roberts and Roscoe Berry passed through here enroute to Blaine Saturday.

Little Miss Carmen Ball was calling on her cousin, Cynthia Melista Ball Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Burton and two brothers, Carl and Billie C. were calling on their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Ball Monday night.

Sula Carter was calling on her cousins, Mrs. W. H. Kinper, recently.

Old Santa Claus' sleigh bells will be sure to wake the children up as we believe there will not be any snow and the ground is frozen so rough.

Mrs. Hazel Burton and daughter Lucille were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Burton and family.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Sam Prince.

Miss Ella Prince and brothers Wm. and Curt passed through here Monday enroute to Adams.

Homer Ball was calling on Mason Prince Sunday.

Miss Dorothy and Carl Burton called on Mrs. Beady Carter Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Ball was a business caller at Adams Monday.

W. H. Burton made a trip to Louisa Tuesday.

Church at this place Saturday night and Sunday morning by Rev. Burgess. Everybody cordially invited to come. Let us hear from those "Kentucky bums" of South Columbus again soon.

C. E. D. N.

## FALLSBURG

Miss Nellie Austin and Vade Rinegar and Miss Emma Henson were the Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Margaret Cochran.

Miss Martha Rickman of Horseford was shopping at this place Friday.

H. H. Cochran was a business caller in Louisa Saturday.

Eugene Queen and wife were down the river visitors last Saturday.

Uncle Zach Webb has returned to Fallsburg to live. We all welcome him back into our midst as he is a good old man.

Mrs. Margaret Bowe Cochran and little daughter were calling on Mrs. Mollie Austin Tuesday.

Miss Essie Mann who is attending school at Louisa paid home folks a visit Saturday and Sunday.

A SUBSCRIBER.

## CADMUS

Rev. Hutchison failed to fill his appointment at this place Sunday.

Several from this place expect to attend the Christmas entertainment at Fallsburg Sunday night.

Mrs. Ed Wooten and Miss Cora Wooten of Huletts were the Saturday night and Sunday guests of the Misses Ekers.

Rumor says wedding bells will ring at this place soon.

Miss Karen Diamond spent Sunday night with Miss Cassie Chadwick.

Miss Louisa Shortridge spent last Tuesday night with Miss Arma Gaines.

Miss Ollie Ekers who has been visiting her brother at Prestonsburg, has returned home.

Mrs. G. B. McGlosson was calling on Mrs. Dewitt Diamond Sunday.

Mrs. George Shortridge was shopping at Cadmus last week.

SANTA CLAUS.

## KAVANAUGH

Miss Lillian Nalley was calling on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huletts Sunday.

Miss Velma Dixon who has been visiting her brother at Catlettsburg has returned home.

Hermon Lakins who has been visiting his mother in fronton, has returned home.

Marion Dixon, Lawrence Cornwell and Walter and Robert Turman were calling on George Shannon Saturday.

Mrs. Rose Wright and small daughter Hilda were shopping in Catlettsburg Saturday.

Miss Hazel Lakins was shopping in Ashland Friday.

Misses Eunice and Velma Dixon and Carrie Lakins were shopping in Buchanan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bryant were calling on the former's mother at Zella Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Huletts has been visiting her father who is ill.

Miss Lillian Nalley was calling on Miss Carrie Lakins last week.

There was a very nice entertainment at our school Friday evening. The visitors were Messrs. Robert, Walter and Howard Turman, Lawrence Cornwell and Lee Hall. All reported a nice time.

Rev. Icard, the pastor of our church, preached a very interesting sermon at this place Sunday night.

Sam Turman was calling on Mrs. Mary Jackson Sunday.

Miss Helen Davis was calling on Mr. and Mrs. George Shannon Sunday.

Wedding bells are expected to ring here soon.

Harmon Nalley will leave for Ashland the day after Christmas.

Miss Thelma Prichard spent the week end with home folks at East Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Nalley were shopping at Buchanan Friday.

Miss Sallie Johnson who has been very ill is improving.

Hays Carter attended Sunday School at Buchanan Sunday.

Miss Carrie Lakins was shopping in Ashland Monday.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TOM AND BILL.

## ZELDA

We have a good Sunday School, good singing and good people, and are glad to say a good community which makes an ideal place to live.

The millinery formerly operated by Queen and Lambert of Louisa, now operated by Robert and Sherman Vanhorn, are running every day. They are loading about two cars a week, giving employment to a number of men. They are planning to erect several houses in the near future for the accommodation of their employees.

Paul C. Bellomy and Frank Brown have accepted positions on the clerical force of the American Rolling Mills Co. and will leave about Jan. 1st for Zanesville, Ohio. They are worthy young men and we wish them much success in their new positions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of Omar W. Va., will spend Christmas here. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ferguson of this place.

Warren Rickman of Kenova, W. Va., was here Sunday. Mr. Rickman holds a responsible position with the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company.

Clyde Spears of Parkersburg, W. Va., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sallie Spears, at this place.

Add Rickman, Frank Brown and Junior Spears were the guests of Paul C. and James W. Bellomy Sunday.

The quartet was present at church Sunday evening and rendered some fine selections. They are excellent singers and we would be glad to have them sing again.

E. B. Curran, our bustling merchant and a business visitor in Louisa Saturday. He is trying at all times to give his customers good service.

C. B. Stewart of Adeline attended church at this place Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jack Turman of Buchanan was the guest of her brother Zack Bellomy Thursday and Friday.

Miss Hazel and Alice Rickman were calling on friends in Buchanan Saturday.

The Buchanan Chapel Sunday School will give an entertainment and treat Sunday, Dec. 24th. A nice time is anticipated.

We wish the NEWS a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

THE VILLAGE CUTUP.

## Frequent Headaches

"I suffered with chronic constipation that would bring on very severe headaches," says Mrs. Stephen H. Kincer, of R. F. D. 1, Cripple Creek, Va. "I tried different medicines and did not get relief. The headaches became very frequent. I heard of

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## Impulse Dodd's Christmas

by F. H. Sweet

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TOMMY Dodd, "Impulse Dodd," cutie man, was in Chicago, with his big side over. And even in Chicago, where everyone cut them were common, Impulse Dodd was a no trouble figure, with his six foot odd, free money ways, and almost perpetual smile.

He paused in front of a small, narrow store, whose one window was full of toys. Inside, the counter and shelves were packed with the same kind of goods.

"Just Santa," said Impulse, aloud. "I'll go in."

He closed his fingers tightly and pushed open the door with his thumb, still extended.

"Put in his thumb," he grinned, "and—does he pull out a plum?"

In the shop were two men, one in front of the counter loud voiced and threatening. "Well, this one was finishing, as Impulse entered, 'I'll give you just two more days to meet your bill, till the day after Christmas. If you don't pay me in full then, I will take possession.'"

As the man stalked out, Impulse raised his right foot and swung it back and forth thoughtfully.

"Can I show you anything, sir?" he asked a moment later, as Impulse turned to the counter with a half regretful frown on his face, adding: "It's just as well you didn't do it, sir. He's a very vindictive man."

"That so? Then I sure wish I had shown you?"

"I don't generally look back on things but this city's getting me right scared. I've reined up unusual the last three days. Now about the toys. That man's talk is so easy unraveled. I reckon you'll sell cheap."

"I'll almost your own price, sir. There is only this one day to sell, and I can't hope to do enough. I've seen failure for a week past, though for a while I did hope to come out in condition to start again. Now what can I show you?"

"Well, not only one solitary thing in particular, I reckon," scanning the shelves judiciously. "They all look right enticing, and what I didn't buy would make me feel sorry to look at. What'll you take for the bunch?"

The storekeeper moved along the counter, trying to arrange his goods more attractively.

"Look around all you want to," he said amiably. "And there is an easy chair back yonder where you can sit and rest, if you like."

Impulse followed him.

"No wonder you can't sell, if you treat all customers like me," he complained. "Now, see here," shipping a big roll of bills on the counter. "How

present by and by," he called to the rapidly increasing crowd of urchins. "Mind, you'll owe it in part to them. Now stampede into the streets and alleys of the neighborhood and corral every boy and girl you can find, and bring 'em here. Just an hour from now this store'll commence to give out presents, and you'll all get one. Nobody will be missed. Hit the street now, the whole lot of you except these two."

In an hour, the door was thrown open and the rush began, with half a thousand whooping youngsters to make the assault. It was short work, the pillaging of the store, and in forty minutes all was over. And then, just as the hilarious present bearers were scattering into every street and alley, an automobile swerved out from the street traffic and stopped at the curb.

It was an old gentleman and a lady and several girls. The gentleman motioned some of the urchins to the side of the car, where they were questioned as to the extraordinary spectacle. Then a few words passed between the occupants of the car, after which one of the girls alighted and came to the store. Crawford Bobby and Raggy Sally were just outside the door, with their arms full.

"You're the little Santa," smiled the young lady, as she took their hands, "and I just know you had a big time." Then she entered the store and went straight to Impulse.

"Mr. Santa Claus, I believe, sir?" she began.

"Why—er—no," stammered Impulse, turning red, "only—er—just as a sort of advance agent, named Impulse—I mean Tommy Dodd."

The girl broke into a ringing laugh. "Impulse! I like that," she cried. "Now, Impulse Dodd, have you any definite arrangement for the Christmas holidays—any binding engagement, I mean?"

"No-o-o, nothing except to tramp side walks and say 'Howdy' to every stranger who'll let me."

"Good! Then there's nothing in the way of our invitation. You see, we're having a houseful of company for the holiday week, and papa and mamma suggested that I ask you. Papa owns a ranch out West, and he says he knows how a stranger must feel in a city at Christmas time, and he thinks a man who can do what you've just done will certainly be an acquisition to our party. And I may add we all feel the same way. You'll come? There is room in our machine."

Impulse nodded. He lacked words fitting to the occasion. A week at a house party! Gee! wouldn't that be stuff to tell the boys at the ranch. Start back the day after Christmas? Who? He? No, siree! That would be rank foolishness. Not till the last gun was fired.

So he walked out to the automobile with the girl, with never a thought of the emptied store behind, or of the beaming, misty-eyed man who could now stock up again without the baleful skeleton of a creditor to glare at him over the goods. And as Dodd entered the automobile, one of the girls afterwards declared that she heard him murmur, "And pulled out a plum," though she could not understand why. It was just one of his funny ways.

"Back right soon," he called, "Be getting the goods ready to handle quick."

Outside, Impulse glanced up and down the street. Half a dozen urchins were playing on the sidewalk, two or three were hanging behind a dry, a newsboy was crying his papers, other youngsters were dimly seen among pedestrians and street vehicles. Impulse put two fingers into his mouth and blew a blast that would cover a mile on the prairie. At the same

time the other hand was coming from his pocket with all the coins his fingers could grasp. These were tossed into the air. By the time they had ceased falling on the sidewalk, fifty more or less grimy little hands were clutching for them.

"Now, you bunch," called Impulse, "just listen to me for a minute. Who's the most 'count boy in this neighborhood?"

"Crawfish Bobby," answered a voice promptly. "He never stands treat, and carries every cent home to his ma-ma."

"And the most unpopular girl?"

"There was a short silence, then several of the boys tittered.

"Raggy Sally," said one of them. "She's Peanut Solder Bet's girl, and when we boys throw mud she fights like a wildcat."

"And gives all of you a mighty good drubbing, I hope," commented Impulse. "Now, boys, the two who bring Crawford Bobby and Raggy Sally to me get a four-bit piece each, and tell them they'll get another for coming. Now, the lot of you come back, for the show isn't half over."

Ten minutes later, Crawford Bobby and Raggy Sally stood in front of him. Impulse placed a hand upon a shoulder of each.

"These two are going to be little Santas and give you all a right nice

show."

"Mr. Santa Claus, I believe, sir?" She began.

"How Much," Demanded Impulse.

"munch? Remember there's only one day for selling Santa stuff."

"Do you mean business?" asked the shopkeeper, a sudden huskiness coming into his voice.

"How much?"

"Fifteen hundred, if you mean the cost. But I warn you it's too late to sell much."

"Oh, I'm sure a hustler down home," cheerfully, "and I've a hunch I can move Santa goods tolerable brisk the day before the day. Now let's see fifteen, with a fair per cent for profit and a little for good will makes it just two thousand. There you are," peeling off another bill or two, and then replacing the roll in his pocket. "Now you've got to throw in your services as clerk for the rest of the day."

"But I can't—" began the dazed shopkeeper, but Impulse was at the door.

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## SKAGGS

Rev. Richard Hamilton is visiting his sister, Mary M. Holbrook.

Lonnie C. Skaggs who had been his brother with Dr. Preston Skaggs of Louisiana, returned home this week.

Mrs. Angie Vanover is very sick.

P. P. Trolbrook who has become quite rich in this oil field, gave each of his three daughters a \$500 check for a Christmas present—Mrs. Ernest Jayne of Pitt Gap, Mrs. H. R. Skaggs of McRoberts, and Miss Grettie Holbrook who is yet with her parents.

Mrs. Elva Skaggs was visiting Florence Holbrook Tuesday.

Mrs. Della Heister was shopping at Skaggs Saturday.

There is quite a stir in the Red Onion school this week. The teacher has been teaching that each star is a world peopled as this world on which we live, only they are a much larger race, and that Thomas A. Edison has been talking to those people. That airships will soon be making round trips in 60 minutes. Amos Pothooks is opposed to it saying there is too much education and if such teaching is allowed it will soon upset everybody's idea of things. He and Pete Corcoran say the stars were made to give light at night and that there is just one big hell and one big heaven, and if you miss one you are sure to get the other. They say the stars all look alike to them.

B. B.

## HEWLETT, W. VA.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rice and daughter left Monday for Huntington where they expect to make their home. We are sorry to see them leave as they are excellent neighbors and will be greatly missed by the people of this place.

Bill Alley was transacting business at Hewlett Saturday.

Our teacher, Miss Alma Robnet, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents on Tabors creek.

Mrs. Elba Dean and daughter were shopping in Louisa Saturday.

Okley Ratcliff spent Sunday with Donald and John Hewlett.

Mrs. Shirley Vanhoope was the Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Billups.

Bill Lear and Emory Bellomy were business callers in Fort Gay Saturday.

Miss Flora Lyman and Miss Amos Lee were calling on Mrs. Cecil Hewlett Saturday.

James Billups, who has employment at Kenova spent Sunday with his family at this place.

Mrs. Louisa Lear was calling on her daughter, Mrs. Henry Sturgill, Friday.

Dave Miller, Jr., made a business trip to Crum Saturday.

U. M.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce W. A. HAY, of Mize, as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature from Lawrence and Elliott counties, subject to the action of the Democrats in the August primary, 1923.

The sub-Normal School Site Commission will be wiped off of the slate when the Courts get through with the matter.

The way to get better passenger equipment and service on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. is through an appeal to the Railroad Commission of Kentucky and the Interstate Commerce Commission. If we could devise some plan to give the members of these bodies a ride from Ashland to Pikeville in one of the cattle cars used on this line for transporting human beings at .0366 per mile the battle would be over.

The price of Chesapeake & Ohio stock has advanced several points upon the prospect of the road changing hands. This means the general verdict is that any kind of a change must be for the better.

## Don't Forget The Legislature.

When nearly a year ago The Courier-Journal called upon the people of Kentucky to cut loose from the politicians and draft a business man for Governor it also appealed to them to complete their good work by drafting a business Legislature. That appeal is repeated now, with added emphasis and with added hope of a favorable reception—a hope born of the response throughout the State to the movement for a business Governor.

The right sort of Governor can do something without the right sort of Legislature to redeem Kentucky from the disastrous plight into which the politicians have got it, but if he is to rescue the affairs of the State from the control of the politicians and the lobby he must have the cooperation of a Legislature which is uncontrolled by the politicians and the lobby.

The politicians and the lobby work together. The lobby is the lobby of those interests which make it a part of their business to see that the Government of the State is in the hands of their friends. Their friends are the politicians whom they can convince that the welfare of the politicians and the welfare of the interests are inseparable. They operate together for mutual gain, and they have no more fertile field of operations than the Legislature.

They usually control the Legislature, it makes no difference which political party nominally controls it. That should be borne in mind by the people of Kentucky who hope to bring about a new order by the election of a Governor who will serve the interests of the Commonwealth instead of the lobby and his own political ambitions. There are always good men in every Legislature, but they constitute a minority, at the mercy of a majority, who serve a lobby that does not regard any member a good man who does not serve it.

The lobby does not intend that the next Legislature shall differ in its respect from previous Legislatures. It is already at work in both parties in cubating candidates on whom it believes, or knows, it could depend at Frankfort. And it will show up with its customary majority of the next Legislature unless the people to whom falls the election of a Legislature choose their own Legislature instead of allowing the interests to choose it for them.

The way to do that is to bring out their own candidates. To wait for candidates to bring out themselves is often to wait for candidates whose motives won't bear scrutiny. The unsolicited candidate is not always an undesirable candidate but he should never be accepted if there is any doubt of his desirability. It is not too early to warn the masses of Kentucky Democrats and Republicans to be alert and vigilant to satisfy themselves that the motives of any candidate for the Legislature will stand thorough inspection; that he means to represent his district and no factor of "invisible" government; that he wishes to go to Frankfort for the public service he hopes to do, and not for the betterment of his personal fortunes and the fortunes of his friends and backers in such devious ways as are known to be effective in the short Legislative session.

Where self-announced candidates cannot satisfy this inspection the electorates of both parties should look carefully over the field and draft candidates who are known to measure up to all requirements. Unwillingness of any man to be drafted should not prevent the draft. Unwillingness to become a candidate is often good evidence that he is the right man to be a candidate, and unwillingness to become a candidate can usually be overcome when strong popular pressure is brought to bear on him.

Politicians who are resisting the movement for a business Government of the State allege that it is inspired by some coterie of somebodies who intend to dictate the candidates. What The Courier-Journal is trying to do is to get the people to dictate the candidates. That is what is resented by the politicians who have been in the habit of dictating the candidates themselves. If the people of the State will pay no more attention to the politicians than The Courier-Journal is paying and dictate their own candidates for the Legislature and the Governorship as well, we shall have the new Kentucky which we have been talking about and dreaming about but doing nothing to secure.—Courier-Journal.

## Pointed Press Comment on Current Topics

Cheer up. The next coal strike is nearly four months off.—Ashville Times.

The best future for Hog Island would be to make it a prison for profiteers.—Washington Post.

We aren't surprised that California voted for dry enforcement. There's a raisin.—Columbia Record.

"Prosperity comes in cycles," says an expert, the best of which is the tricycle.—Washington Post.

They are always appropriating public funds in Illinois to find out who has.—American Lumberman.

The primary reason back of the suspension of the Appeal to Reason is that it didn't.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A cultured man is one who has a lot of information that isn't worth anything to him.—Indianapolis Star.

The election result sounds the call of the nation for fewer fence-busters and more fence-busters.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Sultan of Turkey insists that he has not quit his job just because he ran away from it. He talks like a striker.—Canton News.

Russia is to have a new minister for trade and commerce. What will be his first good act as an evangelist to stage a revival.—Manila Bulletin.

Now that the fapper is disappearing, we must look about for something else to blame for everything.—Duquesne American Tribune.

It is just as well that justice is blind; she might not like some of the things done in her name if she could see them.—Sioux City Journal.

A Dallas court says a man has the right to get drunk in his own home. Thus is the sanctity of the home preserved.—Dallas News.

Henry Ford tells young men to spend something on themselves—buy a flivver, of course.—Wall Street Journal.

Some of the big guns were silenced on that November 11, but others at once began work on their memoirs.—Anderson Herald.

The resignation of Senator Newberry is a hard blow to the orators who have been demanding it.—American Lumberman.

American generally regret that dollars for Near Eastern relief can't be accompanied by bullets for Turkish murderers.—Pueblo Chieftain.

We have always viewed with sympathy and approval the club activities of the women, but their gun activities alarm us.—Columbia Record.

Prohibition has come to stay. The people who say it won't last used to talk the same way about grapefruit and now they like it.—Toledo Blade.

A Chicago woman shot her husband when he wouldn't go to church. She was going to get him to heaven one way or another.—American Lumberman.

Henry Ford makes \$24,026.41 a day. We are glad we are not Henry. We could never have nerve enough to take a day off.—American Lumberman (Chicago).

The Mussolinian ministry announces a "nothing for nothing" foreign policy for Italy. That is an improvement upon the "something for nothing" policy other European diplomats have pursued in recent years.—Seattle Times.

## ALWAYS AT WORK ON TIME ONE TRIBUTE TO WANAMAKER

PHILADELPHIA.—Among the host of tributes to the memory of John Wanamaker, merchant prince, religious leader and philanthropist, which continued to pour into this city from all sections of the country, this one stands as unique.

"He was always at work on time." With these seven words, Mr. Wanamaker's first office boy, George W. Stull, summarized the secret of the world-renowned merchant's success. The one time office boy, who swept out, ran errands, delivered parcels and gradually learned to do more important routine work for his employer, now is superintendent of the store.

Getting Ready.—The matron of the dormitory screamed whispering down the sleeping aisles: "Get up, quick! There's a burglar in the house!"

And with one accord twenty excited damsels leaped out and cried in unison: "Where's my powder puff?"



## From Our Early Files

## 37 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1885.—Rev. Burwell Akers will preach at Masonic Hall Sunday. On her trip down last Friday the Ingomar had on board three members of the notorious Talt Hall gang. A reward of \$500 each was paid for their capture. The sheriff of Floyd was taking them to Maysville.

Lewis Skaggs, the Lawrence county giant, was in town this week. We have seen bigger men, Baby Bates for instance, but Lewis is a pretty good sized chunk of humanity, 24 years old, six feet and 7 inches high, weight 366½ pounds.

H. T. Lytleton's school will begin Jan. 4, 1886.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1897.—Rev. Mr. Caudill brought his bride to Louisa. She was Miss Effie Richardson of Lee Creek, Ohio.

"Judge" Charley Lynch plunged into a hole near the upper end of Madison street and nearly broke his neck and his horses legs. A crossing is being put in but no light had been placed there.

W. S. Land, of the C. & O., was here, accompanied by Dr. Judy of Bath county.

Miss Carrie Snyder returned from a visit in Central Kentucky. Chas. Montville Flowers appears in Louisa in a dramatization of Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

J. E. Hobbs of East Lynn, W. Va., dies at age of 103.

## JUST A LITTLE FUN

Even More.—The bills had come in for building the young couple's home. "George," said the bride of a few months, "they are twice what we expected!"

"Don't worry," said the young husband. "I expected they would be."

"But George," she replied, "they are twice as much as that."

Luck.—A motor truck smashed the baby carriage to smithereens, mum. "Horrors! Was the baby hurt?"

"You're mighty lucky, mum. He was kidnapped only five minutes before."

Logical.—May (watching ball game) "Where do they keep the extra bases?"

Ray—"What for?"

May—"Well, that man just stole third base."

Everybody Mistaken.—"Jack and Emily are going to be married."

"Emily? I thought she was one of these modern girls who don't believe in marriage."

"So did Jack."—The Harvard Lampoon.

Another Blow.—Stranger (to office boy) "I want to see the editor."

Office Boy—"What editor? We got all kinds of editors around this joint, nothin' but editors; just like the Mexican army, all generals and no privates."—Washington Times.

Simple Directions.—Fair Visitor—"Is there some place around where I can get a drink of water?"

The Glib—"Certainly, Miss. At the scuttlebutt on the starboard side of the gun deck, midships, just forward of the dynamo hatch." Judge.

All Inducements.—"It's got so these days," complained a young man, "that you can hardly get married unless you can show the girl two licenses."

"Two licenses?" exclaimed the friend.

"Yes—marriage and automobile."—Ladies' Home Journal.

His Ambition.—Dick's parents are well-meaning but a trifle too strict believing that "to spare the rod is to spoil the child."

When Dick was asked by a friend of the family what he would like to be when he grew up, he replied, readily, "An orphan."—The Epworth Herald.

Faster than the Fastest.—Orchestra Drummer—"I'm the fastest man in the world."

Violinist—"How's that?"

O. D.—"Time flies, doesn't it?"

V.—"So they say."

O. D.—"Well, I beat time."—Chaparral.

His Part.—The dean was exceedingly angry. "So you confess that this unfortunate young man was carried to the pond and drowned? Now what part did you take in this disgraceful affair?"

"The right leg, sir," answered the sophomore meekly. Johns Hopkins Black and Blue Jay.

Horrible Example.—Orville Wright at a dinner in Dayton, was reproached for not taking up the challenge of the Smithsonian Institute that it was Langley, not the Wrights, who was the first to fly. "The trouble with you, Orville," said a banker, "is that you are too taciturn. You don't assert yourself enough. You should press your case more."

"My dear friend," Orville Wright answered, "the best talker and the worst flyer among the birds is the parrot."—Detroit Free Press.

Exchange of Courtesies.—"What did you give your son for Christmas last year?"

"Ten shares of Arizona Pete, which hasn't paid a cent since."

"And what has he given you this Christmas?"

"The collected assessment notices he received on the stuff for the intervening year."

Bungling Work.—"Now somebody's gone and done it!"

"Done what?"

"Lost the names from these Christmas gifts I had piled in the closet!"

"Names of the people you were going to give 'em to?"

"No, stupid! Names of those who gave them to us last year. I'm afraid I may send some of 'em back to the same people!"—Farm Life.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1907.—Friday the 13th was a lucky day for the venerable Mr. Shipman, known as "Daddy" Shipman. In order that his 79th milestone in the journey of life might be a "white stone" indeed, relatives conceived and carried out most successfully the scheme of a royal dinner for that evening as a surprise to "Daddy." He returned from the store and opened the door of the dining room. A big table in the center a huge cake, having 79 burning candles and a feast fit for the gods. Nine men of more or less venerable appearance surrounded this table each with a smile and a word of welcome for "Daddy." The guests were R. T. Burns, Jay H. Northup, Jas. H. O'Brien, O. W. Wroten, C. A. Benn, A. J. Conley, L. H. York, J. W. Yates and W. D. Roffe. Their combined ages, with Daddy's make 679 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houston left for Bath county to make their home.

Mrs. O. B. Stump loses life at Buchanan when struck by a train. Near the same spot her husband's mother was killed 18 years ago by a train.

Miss Lella Snyder returned from a visit to Miss Heloise Thomas in Cincinnati.

## BIG SANDY NEWS

## JESUS, THE PERFECT MAN

Remarkable Editorial Reprinted from a Memphis Newspaper.

From The Commercial Appeal of December 22, 1912.

There is no other character in history like that of Jesus.

As a preacher, as a doer of things, and as a philosopher, no man ever had the sweep and the vision of Jesus.

A human analysis of the human actions of Jesus brings to view a rule of life that is amazing in its perfect detail.

The system of ethics Jesus taught during His early sojourn 2,000 years ago was true then, has been true in every century since, and will be true forever.

Plato was a great thinker and learned in his age, but his teachings did not stand the test of time. In big things and in little things time and human experience have shown that he erred.

Marcus Aurelius touched the reflective mind of the world, but he was as cold and austere as broken marble.

The doctrine of Confucius gave a great nation moral and mental dry rot.

The teachings of Buddha resulted in a mental and moral chaos that makes India derelict.

Mohammed offered a system of ethics which was adopted by millions of people. Now their children live in deserts where once there were cities, along dry rivers where once there was moisture, and in the shadows of gray, barren hills where once there was greenness.

Thomas Aquinas was a profound philosopher, but parts of his system have been abandoned.

Francis of Assisi was Christlike in his saintliness, but in some things he was childish.

Thomas a Kempis' Imitation of Christ is a thing of rare beauty and sympathy, but it is, as its name indicates, only an imitation.

Sir Thomas More's Utopia is yet a dream that cannot be realized.

Lord Bacon writing on chemistry and medicine under the glasses of the microscope in a twentieth century laboratory is puny.

The world's most learned doctors until a hundred and fifty years ago gave dragon's blood and the ground dried tails of lizards and shells of eggs for certain ailments. The great surgeons a hundred years ago bled a man if he were wounded.

Napoleon had the world at his feet for four years, and when he died the world was going on its way as if he had never lived.

Jesus taught little as to property because He knew there were things of more importance than property. He measured property and life, the body and soul, at their exact relative value. He taught much as to character, because character is of more importance than dollars.

Other men taught us to develop systems of government. Jesus taught us as to perfect the minds of men. Jesus looked to the soul while other men dwelled on material things.

After the experience of 2,000 years so man can find a flaw in the governmental system as outlined by Jesus.

Caesar and kaiser, president and so forth give to its complete merit their admiration.

No man today, no matter whether he follows the doctrine of Mills, Marx or George as to property, can find a false principle in Jesus' theory of property.

In the duty of a man to his fellows no sociologist has ever approximated the perfection of the doctrine laid down by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount.

Not all the investigations of chemists, not all the discoveries of explorers, not all the experiences of rulers, not all the historical facts that go to make up the sum of human knowledge on this day in 1912 are in contradiction to one word uttered or one principle laid down by Jesus.

The human experiences of 2,000 years ago show that Jesus never made a mistake. Jesus never uttered a doctrine that was true at the time and then became obsolete.

Jesus spoke the truth; He lived the truth; and truth is eternal.

History has no record of any other man leading a perfect life or doing everything in logical order. Jesus is the only person whose every action and whose every utterance strike a true note in the heart and mind of every man born of a woman. He never said a foolish thing, never did a foolish act and never dissembled.

No poet, no dreamer, no philosopher loved humanity with the love that Jesus bore toward all men.

Who then was Jesus?

He could not have been merely a man, for there never was a man who had two consecutive thoughts above the level of truthfulness.

Jesus must have been what Christendom proclaims Him to be—a divine being—or He could not have been what He was. No mind but an infinite mind could have left behind those things which Jesus gave to the world as a heritage.

There is a merchant in Dakota, in a town of 5,000 or less, whose sales in 1921 totalled \$650,000.00. It is a well-known fact that 1921 was a bad year for business, especially for merchants and farmers. He says he built up this enormous business by advertising, and his success has been so pronounced that he is being called to many cities and towns by merchants organizations to tell them how to advertise intelligently. He says a good newspaper is the best and cheapest form of advertising that ever has been tried. He also says one other very important thing is necessary, and that is to "make good" on everything advertised.

The store must have the goods to sell. The store must advertise intelligently. The advertising properly backed up will get the business. It will bring the people into the store, and the store that treats them right after they get there will prosper if it keeps abreast of the times and expands as the business enlarges.

The merchant referred to in the beginning of this article made his business successful in a year when the largest mercantile house in the United States (a well known Chicago firm) lost sixteen millions.

## SHOP IN HUNTINGTON and at Our Store

Whatever you have failed to find for Presents can be had here in some of our departments.

The Anderson-Newcomb Co.

On Third Avenue Huntington, W. Va.

## Greatest Of Them All



## A Christmas Tragedy—F'r Pop





## BIG SANDY NEWS

Friday, December 22, 1922.

## Local Happenings

Witch Elk boots 22, 25 and 18 inches at G. J. Carter's. 12 15-17

Mrs. Ernest Westlake has been quite sick the past few days.

Sol Crabtree attended the funeral and burial of Sam Frazier in Fort Gay Monday.

The Louisa public schools will close for the holidays Friday and reopen January 2nd.

Dr. Shouls Foot Eazars and Arch Supports. Complete line for women and men at G. J. Carter's. 12 15-17

John Elawick, 21, of Estep, and Miss Goldie Miller, 18, of Adeline, were married in Catlettsburg.

Mrs. W. S. Stoll and little daughter, Donna Jean, have returned to Springfield, Ohio, after several weeks visit here with her sister, Mrs. J. A. McCaskey.

Just received a new supply of Vacuette sweeper. Best one on the market. Non-electric. G. J. Carter, agent. 21

A postoffice has been established at Dinwiddie, Harlan county, near Kenvir. Andrew Jellett has been appointed postmaster at Beaver, Floyd county, to succeed Joseph Reynolds.

Leander Borders was brought to the hospital at this place last Saturday from his home on George's Creek. He has been suffering for some time with some trouble of the foot and is here for treatment.

**FOR SALE:**—A number of houses and lots. Some in the upper part and some in the lower part of Louisa. Rated from \$1500 to \$10,000. For prices and terms see H. E. BURGESS, Louisa, Ky. 8 18-19

Many orders are being received for the Big Sandy News to be sent as Christmas presents. There is yet time to have us notify your friends on one of our special gift cards that you have ordered the paper sent.

Fred B. Moore, of Matthe, was in Louisa Wednesday. He recently returned from New York and Philadelphia. He has been in the service a number of years, spent three years in France, was in the Philippines a while and has been in 12 States. He is at the home of his grandfather at Matthe where he will spend the holidays.

Daily Airplane Flights  
Louisa to Blaine

Starting Tuesday, December 19, I will make daily round trips from Louisa to Blaine by airplane, (weather permitting) to carry passengers. Will leave Louisa at 9:30 to 10 a. m. The flight each way consumes 15 minutes. Will remain at Blaine not longer than 30 minutes. Carry two passengers. Will try this out for two weeks and if enough business develops I will establish the line permanently. Flights may not be made in rain storms, as there is no protection for passengers. 21 JOHN P. WOOD

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of the late Willard L. Hays to please file same with me at my address given below, proven according to law (see Section 3870 Carroll's Kentucky Statute). And all persons indebted to the above named decedent will please call and settle with me. M. F. CONLEY  
Administrator of the estate of Willard L. Hays, Louisa, Kentucky. 12 8-11

## YATESVILLE

Dennie Atkins is expecting to visit his cousin Clyde Atkins near Cannonsburg Christmas.

Miss Gypsy Blankenship and Grace Crank were in Louisa Saturday. Ernest Jordan is on the sick list. Jay Atkins was visiting home folks Friday night.

Miss Opal Casey was visiting Miss Grace Crank Sunday.

Dennie Atkins was in Fallsburg Saturday.

R. F. Crank is visiting his brother at Catlettsburg who is very ill.

J. D. Atkins has returned from Boyd county. FARMER BOY.

Christmas Candy  
Choice Gift Boxes,  
All Sizes.

We solicit your orders for holiday dinners. We will have fruits, nuts, oysters, cranberries, and everything good to eat.

**W. H. Berry  
THE GROCER**  
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Louisa - Kentucky

## POTTER

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT POTTER

Christmas program for Saturday night, December 23, 1922.

Opening song—A Song of Welcome. Prayer by Mrs. Burke.

Opening address by J. B. Sloan. Christmas talk by Jay Short.

Recitation—Mother Goose Up-To-Date—Herman Jones.

"At Christmas Time," by 9 girls.

Recitation—Just 'Fore Christmas—Wesley Saulsberry.

"Christmas Dreams," by 3 children.

Recitation—All He Wants—Stanton Compton.

Song—Jolly Old Kris Krinkle.

Dialogue—Not Too Little To Help by two children.

"Merry Christmas," by 14 boys.

"What Makes Christmas?" by six boys.

Song—Christmas Bells.

Tableaux of Christmas scenes.

"A Busy Time."

Recitation—A Letter to Santa Claus—by Sarah Mae Collins.

Song—Merry Merry Christmas.

Dialogue—Christmas Helpers—by 9 children.

Recitation—If You're Good—by Gar net Waller.

Song—Good Santa Claus.

Dialogue—A Christmas Clock—by 12 children.

Recitation—Jimmie's Letter to Santa Claus—by Claude Burke.

Recitation—A Christmas Secret—by Annie Skeens.

Song—O, Little Town of Bethlehem.

Recitation—A Christmas Song—by James E. Jones.

Dialogue—The Colored Candles—by 8 children.

Recitation—A Christmas Telephone—by Milton McGuire.

Recitation—The Toys He Doesn't Like—by Robert Lys.

Song—Pass On The Sunshine.

Recitation—Annie and Willie's Prayer—by Emogene McGuire.

Dialogue—The Hippy Hop Girls—by four girls.

Recitation—A Hard Problem—by Mary Skeens.

Dialogue—Christmas Adiva by 5 children.

Recitation—Christmas Company—by Louise Collinsworth.

Song—Away in a Manger.

Dialogue—The Runaway Stocking—by four children.

Recitation—The Crippled Dolly—by Helen Skeens.

Dialogue—A Christmas Disappointment—by Emogene McGuire and Helen Ekers.

Recitation—A Good Boy—by Edgar McGuire.

Song—Silent Night, Holy Night.

Recitation—Ten Little Presents—by Virgil Moore.

Song—Joy to the World, the Lord is Come.

White Christmas—by five girls.

Recitation—A Fine Secret—by Zelma Skeens.

Mother Goose's Christmas—a play by nine girls and seven boys.

Characters:

Mother Goose—Frances Copley.

Jill—Helen Skeens.

Bo Peep—Mary Skeens.

Miss Muffet—Emogene McGuire.

Mistress Mary—Herman Jones.

Cross Patch—Dorthea Austin.

Queen of Hearts—Emma Skeens.

Old Woman who lived in the shoe—Mrs. Collinsworth.

Mother Hubbard—Jessie Skeens.

Jack—Wesley Saulsberry.

Boy Blue—Edgar McGuire.

Humpty Dumpty—James Copley.

Tommy Tucker—Claude Burke.

Jack Horner—Chester Rice.

Simple Simon—Jay Moore.

Knave of Hearts—Willard Boggs.

Santa Claus—Edd Skeens.

Talk by Bro. Adkins.

Closing Address by Jessie Skeens.

Distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

Everybody invited. Bring your presents and hang them on the tree.

MRS. L. COLLINSWORTH.

## BUCHANAN

Mrs. Anne Kinner spent the past week with her sons at Catlettsburg and Ashland.

Ed Jacobs and sister of Greenup were recent guests of his aunt, Mrs. Stump.

Mrs. Ben Copley and Chester Bryant were Ashland shoppers Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Auxier of Falls City, Neb., is here visiting her uncle, J. R. Compton and Dr. J. A. Prichard and family.

She will return home immediately after Christmas to accompany her husband to Lincoln where he will serve as a member of the Legislature having been elected the last election.

Mrs. K. F. Burchett is visiting her daughter in Ashland.

John Fletcher who has been sick for some time remains about the same.

Mrs. Lewis Berry who has been sick is improved.

Rev. L. D. Icard was a Huntington visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kane and Mrs. Helen Smith of Huntington were over Sunday visitors with relatives here.

Mrs. E. D. Boye has gone to Washington to spend the holidays.

Raymond Burke and Miss Cornes Warden of Prichard, W. Va., were married at the parsonage here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith are visiting in Huntington this week.

Nath Hylton left Wednesday to spend the holidays with his daughter in Georgia. DOT.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOGS  
OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

The dog law that was made by the General Assembly in 1918, will be the same for the year 1923. It has been removed over the county that this law was repealed by the 1922 Legislature and every family allowed a free dog, but this is a mistake.

All persons owning a dog or dogs are required by law to secure a license and tag for each dog for the year 1923, on or before the 1st day of January, 1923.

Fees—On male \$1.00; all over one male, \$2.00 each. One female \$2.00; all over one female, \$4.00 each.

In applying for dog license please do not forget to state the breed, sex, age, and color of your dogs. Enclose the fee as stated above and I will mail your license and tag to you by return mail.

I have the license and tags on hand now for 1923 and they will be issued direct from this office. Get your tag before January 1, 1923.

Respectfully yours,  
CHAS. M. EDWARDS  
Clerk Lawrence County Court.

LOUISA HIGH SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENT

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## It Is The Christmas Season.

By Whittier.

Since that immortal night went by  
The whole earth is our Bethlehem,  
Hosannas ring from every sky!

In forest glade, on billowy main,  
Judea's height, Nebraska's plain,  
By any shore or mount or sea,

Where faith and hope and love abide  
And self is lost in sacrifice,  
And heaven descends to human eyes;

There Christ, the Lord, is born again  
There is His new nativity.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

The Louisa High School will close Friday, Dec. 22, at 3 p. m. for the holiday vacation, and will resume its work again January 2nd at 8:15 a. m.

The first two weeks after the vacation will largely be taken up in a review of the semester's work and the semester examinations. The second semester will begin on January 15th.

Let me urge everyone who is thinking of taking the second semester work to be present on January 15th and get started with the beginning of the work. To delay a few weeks makes the work more difficult for the student and teacher. Classes will be arranged for all who come prepared for high school work. We are expecting the largest enrollment in the history of the school. The public is cordially invited to the opening of the second semester on January 15th at 8:15 a. m.

S. R. GODBEY, Principal.

## TO OUR PATRONS:

The report cards will be given out to the students Friday morning. These cards will contain the grades for the first four months of the school year. Look over these reports carefully, and see just what your son or daughter has done in the four months. If these grades are not what they should be, find out why. Talk to the student first, and then talk to the Principal. A little cooperation on the part of the parents would help wonderfully, and be greatly appreciated by the Principal.

## The Degradation of Christmas.

Jesus St. Nicholas. Santa Claus—here is "one of the saddest descents in the history of mythology." Christmas has not only become Christless, but it has grown into that "economic frenzy" the Christmas. It is not the time when the birth of our Lord is celebrated but the time when we think only of giving or receiving gifts and have the all-important out.

In no other religion has there been so lovely a vision as that presented by Christianity in its beginning—"Divine Love coming to the earth as a little babe," born in a lonely manger of straw in Bethlehem of Judea. The angels sang on that night, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good will toward Men."

Why do we substitute the face of a supposed Santa Claus instead of the face of Christ for whom Christmas is celebrated? The instead of his face we put up the deplorable face of SANTA.

EDYTHE NORTON.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

We were glad to have Mrs. Kinstler and daughter Hazel and Mr. Queen as our visitors at literary last Friday.

Lawrence Woods, Garland Carter, Fred Wilson and Paul Roberts went to Catlettsburg to the ball game Friday.

The Rev. Dr. Jernigan conducted the chapel exercises Monday morning. He made a very interesting talk which was very much enjoyed by the students.

Ed Land wants some one to decide the question, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

The Sophomore class will conduct the chapel exercises Friday morning. A very delightful program is anticipated.

The patrons of the school are invited to be present.

Several students have been absent this week on account of sickness.

Miss Alta Finley left Wednesday for Birmingham to spend vacation with home folks.

Miss Louise Robinson will leave Saturday for Georgetown to spend the holiday vacation.

Prof. N. Q. Gilmer will leave for his home in Mississippi the latter part of the week to spend his vacation with home folks.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE.

The basketball schedule has been completed after some difficulties. Both boys and girls are to meet the best teams in the valley including the Ashland Tom Cats and Kittens.

Neither team is by any means a champion yet but all who are taking interest in athletics are looking for these new squads to upset much hope.

The school and fans are very optimistic about the chance they have in the games to come.

## Schedule.

Dec. 29—Louisa boys and girls at South Point, Ohio.

Jan. 5—Catlettsburg boys at Louisa.

Jan. 6—Louisa boys and girls at Ashland.

Jan. 13—Paintsville boys and girls at Louisa.

Jan. 19—Chattanooga, W. Va. boys at Louisa.

Jan. 26—Pikeville boys at Louisa.

Feb. 2—Williamson, W. Va., boys and girls at Louisa.

Feb. 9—Russell boys and girls at Louisa.

Feb. 16—South Point, Ohio boys and girls at Louisa.

Feb. 23—Louisa boys and girls at Williamsburg, W. Va.

Feb. 24—Louisa boys and girls at Kermitt, W. Va.

March 16—Louisa boys at Chattanooga, W. Va.

The basketball teams will be kept in training during the Christmas vacation. The boys practice each morning and the girls in the afternoon.

Mrs. Kenna Cyrus arrived Saturday from Pickerington, Ohio. Mr. Cyrus and daughter have been here a few days. The boys present they have taken rooms at the Cyrus home recently purchased by Jack Muncy.

THE CHRISTMAS  
PICNIC

By Mary Graham Bonner  
(©, 1922, Western Newspaper Union.)

THE young people were going to give a Christmas picnic on the day after Christmas. They had all decided that it would be no end of fun to take their skates and have a long day of skating, and to have their dinner out of doors.

They felt it would be particularly good for them, too, to get away from the sweets and holiday food they would constantly be nibbling at if they were home.

So on the day after Christmas they went on the Christmas picnic and skating party.

They all had so much enthusiasm. Everyone was going to take part. Everyone was going to help and assist and work.

But when it came time for dinner everyone seemed hungry but helpless, and somehow the cold seemed to have gloved in their cheeks and hearts as they skated, but to have nibbled them as the work of the picnic loomed in view.

The gay and debonair young man who called himself the life of the party and who had come garbed in knickerbockers and sport sweater was suddenly quiet. He said he was not much good at making a fire. Instead he seemed to admire himself and his handsome legs and to ignore the opening of the baskets. To be sure, he looked well and his attitude said quite plainly:

"The man who invented knickerbockers, without a doubt had good looking legs himself, and perhaps an enemy with particularly ugly ones, but he certainly didn't get the better of me."

But Jerry, who was always a good fire builder and upon whom the work always rested, despite previous protests that it would not this time, was the one now who built the fire.

And the rest of the typical picnic people did the usual things. There was the man who talked about building the fire so as to keep the smoke from blowing in the faces of every one present.

There was the girl who spoke from time to time in alarmed, sudden sentences, wondering in turn if the salt, pepper, bacon, sugar, milk or coffee had been forgotten.

There was the girl who was obvious by herself.

There was the girl who kept asking what she could do to help, who would have received any suggestions with a very bad grace.

And there was Milly, who really undid the packages and cooked the bacon and saw that everyone had enough to eat.

The man who said most about not being hungry inquired with more than an academic interest as to what the filling of the sandwiches might be.

And there was the man present who spoke from time to time of the good things that could have been brought if only he had thought of them sooner.

But Jerry and Milly saw that the picnic was a real picnic, while the others gave their eating services.

And after the picnic was over and Jerry was helping Milly as she washed off the dishes in the boiling water Jerry had saved in the old big kettle, he said:

"Milly, you're the most unselfish girl I've ever known. Different from everyone. I've always thought so. And don't you think we'd make a good team—not only on a picnic but through life?"

And Milly answered:

"That's very much the way I've thought about you, Jerry."

So that you see, Milly and Jerry weren't so much cheated at that picnic as you might have thought. In fact, they had a very merry Christmas picnic!

## At the Christmas Party.

The wise hostess wishes to prevent her young guests from pairing off and remaining with their escorts the entire evening. To change partners in a novel and entertaining way in the course of the evening, have ready a circle of green cardboard divided into as many sections as there are girls present. Write a girl's name in each division. Now cut out a large red pasteboard star, with a white arrow painted on one of the points, and fasten this star to the center of the cardboard circle by means of a large pin. Each boy in turn comes up and spins the star, and the maiden whose name is indicated when the white arrow comes to rest is awarded him as partner. Of course, if a girl's name has already been chosen the boy must spin again. This spinning star will result in much mirth for the young people.

Remember you still have time to remember your friends by sending them the NEWS as a Christmas gift. Only \$1.50 a year, and worth it.

## CARTER'S



You can't put it off any longer. Christmas is here and gifts must be selected. They are here -- plenty of them -- awaiting your selection. You'll have to hurry. Only three days more.

Silk Mufflers

Bath Slippers and Robes

Silk Half Hose

Wool Mufflers

Silk Pajamas

Gloves for Men and Women

Wool Clocked Half Hose

Fancy Vests

Leather Goods

Silk Neckwear, Hosiery,

Wool Dressing Gowns

Silk Dressing Gowns

Silk and Madras Shirts

Sweaters and Furs

House Slippers

Umbrellas

Baby Blankets and Quilts

Dolls and Toys

Prices Are Market At The Lowest Possible Figure.

COME A' JUMPING

## G. J. CARTER

The Store Ahead



## TIMELY TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE FARMER

## LATEST MARKETS AGRICULTURE

*Sermon to Farmers by  
Rev. C. H. Williamson*

**L. F. Wellman**  
E. E. Shannon's Old Stand

John McCann says: The fellow who writes Xmas for Christmas would no doubt shout "O. K!" instead of Amen if he attended religious services.

— LATEST —  
**MARKET REPORTS**

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SCHOOL GIRLS

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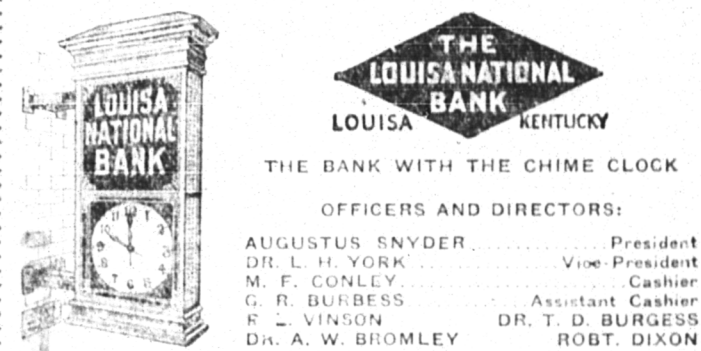
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## Smallest Elephant Arrives in U. S.



Captain E. A. Cunningham went into the African French Congo and captured this pigmy elephant which he brought to the New York zoo. "Miamba" weighs 300 pounds, is now three years old and is grown.

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PERSONAL AND  
SOCIETY NEWS

## Society

October Wedding of Louisa  
Couple Just Announced

Many friends will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Clara V. Bromley of this place and Mr. Melvin N. Horne, of Roanoke, Virginia. Personal invitations to the wedding which was to be a quiet affair had been given as the M. E. Church, South, in Louisa, Thursday, December 21st. On Thursday, however, in the morning mail, announcements were received of a different story. They show that the marriage took place in front of the church on the 21st.

After a happy romance dating back some months the couple returning from a visit with friends in Columbus, Ohio, secured a marriage license in front of, and without any notice to family or friends went to the home of the Rev. Edwin B. Townsend, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and an old friend of Mr. Horne, and were united in marriage. Coming on to Louisa the bride went to her home where she was busy making preparations for her wedding day as the family thought. Her secret was not disclosed, even to her parents, until Wednesday of this week.

By the time the announcements were received the happy couple were well on the way to Washington, having left Wednesday evening over the N. & W., going to Huntington and leaving for Washington, D. C. for a few days, thence to Roanoke for a visit to Mr. Horne's family.

For her wedding journey the bride was handsome in a frock suit of dark blue divinity with elegant trimmings. She is an unusually attractive young lady of gracious manner and gentle demeanor and will be much missed in Louisa society. She is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Bromley and granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. York of this place. The groom is a young man of the qualifications and a good business man. He is a contractor and has been connected with a firm on the Mayo Trail with headquarters in Louisa.

After January the first they will be at home in Columbus, Ohio. With many friends and wishing them a long and happy life.

Mr. Homer Campbell and  
Miss Daisy Adams Wed

The wedding of Mr. H. G. Campbell and Miss Daisy Adams took place on Wednesday morning of this week at the Baptist Church, Rev. J. D. Brann officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by a few close friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left over the C. & O. at 10 o'clock for a wedding trip to various places of interest. They will spend several days at his home near Charleston, W. Va.

The bride is a native of this county and for the past year or two has been a nurse in Riverview hospital at this place.

Mr. Campbell has been in Louisa a few years as bookkeeper for the Ohio Fuel Oil Company. Both of these young people are popular in their circle of friends, and many good wishes follow them in their new relation.

Upon their return to Louisa they will go to housekeeping.

Miss Nellie May Arttrip  
and K. K. Smith Marry

Last Sunday at 11:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arttrip at Westmoreland, W. Va., the marriage of their daughter, Miss Nellie May Arttrip and Mr. Kenton Kerr Smith took place. Rev. Hugh B. Workman, pastor of the M. E. Church and an uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony.

The bride had been a teacher in the Huntington schools and Mr. Smith is a teller in the Union Bank & Trust Company. After their return from points in the west they will reside in Huntington.

Mr. Arttrip and family were residents of Fort Gay before going to Westmoreland.

## WELLMAN FREEZE

Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Nan Wellman Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wellman of Louisa, Ky., but who has made her home in Alexandria, Va., for the past four years was married Saturday, December 9, 1922, to Mr. James Golden Freeze, of Salisbury, N. C., at the home of Mrs. William D. Moleworth. After a wedding trip South they will be at home to their many friends at 213 N. Pitt St., where they have an apartment furnished.

MISS YONTS MARRIES  
LIEUT. A. G. SANDS, U.S.A.

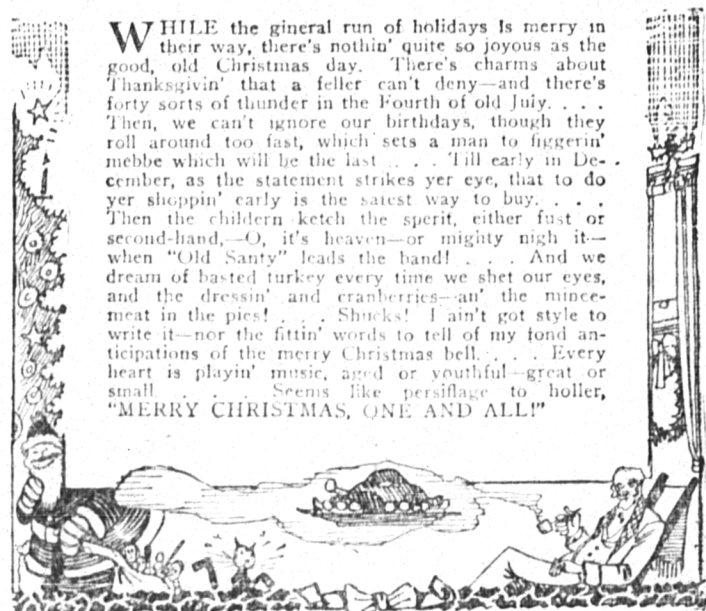
Miss Elizabeth Paynter Yonts and Lieutenant Alexander Gilbert Sands, U.S.A., were married Saturday evening at Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville. The bride is the granddaughter of Judge T. H. Paynter, deceased, formerly of Greenup.

Lieut. and Mrs. Sands left on a short wedding trip and at its conclusion will return to Louisville to spend Christmas with the bride's parents before going to Fort Sill, Okla., where Lieut. Sands is stationed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

George S. Prince, 39, of Christmas, to Nannie Burdett, 24, of Yatesville. Garfield Berry, 55, of Henricetta, to Alice Boyd, 52, of Ulysses. Charles Wright, 26, of Jettie, to Ernie Wilks, 17, of Overda. Ernest Adkins, 18, to Goldie Whit, 18, of Martha. Joe Adams, 24, to Peggie Largo, 20, of Overda. Raymond Burke, 22 to Cornes Warden, 19, of Prichard, W. Va. Stant Chaffin, 19, to Lillian Short, 19, of Yatesville. Curt Preston, 20, to Gussie Childers, 17, of Greason Creek.

## OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR WOMEN READERS

CHRISTMAS  
poem  
by UNCLE JOHNTHE  
KITCHEN CABINET

1128 Ohio ave., East Liverpool, O.

Any very much interested in the recipes printed in the NEWS and would be pleased to have some one send in a good one for watermelon preserves. It is a little late in the season, but I want it to add to my collection. You sending you some of our northern recipes which I hope you will like.

With very best wishes,  
Virginia Burdette McKinnon.

**Burnt Sugar Cake.** Turn 1/2 cup of sugar until a dark brown, add 2 table-spoons of water, stirring all the time, let cool. Cream 1/2 cup of butter, add the beaten yolks of 2 eggs, then add gradually 1/2 cup of sugar, 1 cup of water minus 1 table-spoon, now add 1 table-spoon of the burnt sugar syrup and 2 1/2 cups of flour, sifted with 2 table-spoons of baking powder, fold in the 2 beaten whites last. Bake in 2 layers and put together with a hot iron. This cake should be very light, and very good.

**Lemon Sponge Pie.** Beat the yolks of 2 eggs until light, add 1 cup of sugar, 1 table-spoon of butter, juice and rind of 1 lemon, 1 cup of milk, 2 heaping table-spoons of flour, corn meal 1/2 cup, 1/2 cup of oil in the 2 beaten whites, bake in crust 1/2 hour in moderate oven.

**Butter-Scotch Pie.** Beat the yolks of 2 eggs until light, add 1 table-spoon of melted butter, 1 cup of brown sugar, 1/2 cup of milk, thickened with corn starch, same as for cream pie, cook in double boiler until done, flavor with 1 table-spoon of vanilla, whip until cool, pour into a baked crust. Make a meringue of the 2 whites, return to oven to brown.

## FRUIT CAKE.

Ma's making fruit cake! Isn't she doing it under her feet now, for her mind is on candied citron peel and spice and how many cups of flour and just the right proportion of brown sugar.

This fruit cake has the delightful quality that the older it is, the better it tastes. They bake it with a paper wrapper on—women-folk are laughing at this description, but never mind—and the whole house smells of fruit cake, with its little bits that hide away in them and little upsticking bits of sweet concealment, its browned crustiness—oh, gee, Ma, can't we have just one piece apiece tonight, and make the rest do for Christmas.

Ma is firm. She has had these sugary supplications before and she knows how to be firm when firmness is required. The fruit cake is the first thing she prepares for Christmas dinner, just as it is the last thing to be consumed.

And the best part of it is, that month after month come to the fruit cake part of the main Yuletide meal, you're so full that there's no room for as much fruit cake as you'd like to eat, and so there's always enough of that, at least, to bring the New Year's dinner to a fitting and fine conclusion. —Fifteen-month Times.

## Candlestick Salad.

The foundation (or candle holder) is a slice of pineapple. The taper is half a banana stuck in the center of the pineapple, with a bright cherry perched on top for the flame. From the center of which a tiny sprig of eucalyptus forms the wick. The melted wax which trickles from the side of the candle is salad dressing.

## CHRISTIAN NORMAL INSTITUTE.

You may enter school January 2, 1923 and the Normal Commercial High School or Seventh and Eighth Grades at Christian Normal Institute, Grayson, Kentucky. Tuition, board, and room is less than the price of board in most places. Classes in High School and Commercial subjects will be organized for teachers after the close of the country schools. A very large enrollment is expected. A great demand is made upon the school for teachers, bookkeepers and stenographers. All students are given careful attention both in and out of school. For further information write to J. W. LUSBY, President C. N. I., Grayson, Ky. (Adv. 21.)

You still have time to send the Big Sandy News as a Christmas present to your friends. Only \$1.50 a year—and it will be appreciated all year.

## PACK GIFTS WITH CARE

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS SHOULD  
BE WRAPPED WELL.

Parcels to Go by Mail and Express  
Need the Careful Attention of  
the Sender.

IT IS all very well just to wrap an ordinary package in paper and tie it securely with string, but with a Christmas gift it's different. Somehow the Christmas sentiment oozes out even to the outside of the package, and we must take just as much care in "doing up" our parcels as in making or buying them in the first place.

Let us be practical, however, first of all. Let us wrap the parcels, especially the ones which have to go by mail or express, very securely indeed, registering them if they are valuable. Tissue paper first, and then good, strong wrapping paper, tied with stout cord or heavy elastic, is the best method. Reserve ribbons and fancy cards for the inside of the package, and remember that putting a seal over the fastening of a parcel prevents its being sent third class. For perishable objects use cardboard boxes.

As for the packages which are to be delivered in person, however, or the inside of those to be sent by mail or express, you may exhaust your ingenuity to make them pretty. With a box, of course, it is always easy to use holly tissue paper and green and red ribbon and a sprig of holly or mistletoe; but a wrapped parcel at ways looks more chummy.

Wrap the gift first in white tissue paper; then roll it in white bristol board; then cover it with green or red crepe paper. Tie around it a bow of ribbon in the contrasting shade, stick through this a sprig of holly and a card of good wishes, fasten at the ends with Christmas seals, and there you are!

These seals, by the way, although they may be purchased very cheaply, still have a further touch of individuality when made at home. Do them on glazed paper and coat them, before cutting out, with mucilage that can be allowed to dry and then wet again when necessary. Three suggestions for designs are the bell and star, the Christmas tree with presents and Santa Claus with his pack. Many more to be drawn, touched up with watercolor and cut out, will suggest themselves to the reader.

The very ribbon with which your gifts are tied can be stenciled with a design more original than the inevitable holly of the shops. The red border and the mistletoe wreaths and stars make one pretty pattern. The process is the simple one of ordinary stenciling.

With your gift send some pretty card expressing your affection for the recipient. A good idea, especially with a book or some other gift of the sort, is to send instead of a card a little blotter calendar. It consists of two or more blotters tied together with a bow of holly ribbon, a calendar pad for 1923, and a picture (a post card will do, but the subject must be suited to your friend's tastes) fastened to it on the other side. The fastening may be done by clips or by sealing wax. A slip of paper with a Christmas greeting should also be added. The blotters may be red and green or they may give the colors of some club or college in which the donor or recipient is interested.

Finally do not forget to weigh all packages you mail. Nothing is more annoying than to have to pay for a package sent out by some careless friend. And keep a card catalogue of your Christmas presents. Then you will avoid the two pitfalls of forgetting some one or duplicating a gift—both horrible to contemplate.

Above all, wrap your presents with a kindly thought—or do not give any at all.

## Removing Water Spots.

Some silks and wools are spotted by water. A satisfactory method for removing such spots is to dampen the entire material evenly and press it while still damp. Either sponge the material carefully with clean water or shake it in the steam from a briskly boiling tea kettle until it is thoroughly damp, then press it.

Her Happiest  
Day

## HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

A COLUMN DEDICATED TO TIRED  
MOTHERS AS THEY JOIN THE  
HOME CIRCLE AT EVEN-  
ING TIDE.

Christmas, the celebration of the birthday of the Divine Child, is peculiarly the children's festival. And while it cannot, too, be a time of ups, we realize after all that it has no other charm to compare with the pleasure we take in some kiddie's delight over a doll or a drum or a picture book that our special Santa Claus has brought him.

It does the world good to open up its doors, and take in the season's greetings. Business goes on all the happier because there is a warm, charitable feeling in a man's soul toward his employer or employees or acquaintances. We are all so busy we are apt to forget to be considerate, forgiving and kind. It is well to let the brain rest and allow the heart to rule sometimes, or men may lose the faculty of loving and being charitable.

Christmas most truly belongs to the children. It celebrates the event of the Christ Child, to whom the wise men brought gifts and the shepherds came and worshiped. We would that every child in this land of abundance might receive that little portion to fill the hearts with joy and chase the sorrows and tears away. It takes so little to open the fountains of joy, it would seem so small a portion might fall to the lot of all children of American homes; but alas! some will be burdened with gifts until they weary of counting them and others—what a disappointing Christmas it will be! Cannot we be thoughtful of one another and share our blessings with those less favored and make our Christmas more truly happy for ourselves and merry for many others?

Santa Claus' reindeer with their spreading antlers, may have walked two and two out of the ark when it rested on Ararat's crest after the flood subsided, but who cares? The gift of eternal youth is theirs and they are too busy to bother with family records or chronological tables. Each year the rhythmic patter of their tiny hoofs will be heard on your roof on Christmas eve if your heart keeps young and true and your ears still attuned to the faintest whisper of God's own messengers. Santa Claus finds his happy way into the homes of the rich and poor alike, into the palace and into the cottage, wherever children have been sent to brighten and to bless.

Oh, how pleasant, bright and cheery home should be made at that sweet season—Christmas—when each and every one can bestow some little gift of affection upon dear ones and remembering those who are less fortunate. We should remember the gift of our Heavenly Father to the world, for it is that gift that will make home bright and happy. The inmates of a sweet, Christian home should never indulge in gossip, but speak kindly of every one, some loving word of encouragement to the disconsolate. When in our power lend a helping hand.

Christmas should mean infinitely more to us than can be expressed by gift or language. It is not to be a season of tears, but joy. It should fill every home with gladness and the noise of happy children and parents. Let the children come home, let the parents throw open their homes to

them; let the yule log, a log of wood, be laid in the fireplace and lighted with songs, watch the merry crackling log and shadows of the flames dancing jocosely upon the wall. Say, come friends, come strangers. If it be but a cup of cold water, it's given, and a kindly smile will do something to show that.

"God's in His Heaven,  
All's well with the world."

To us no season of the year awakens so much of tenderness and fellow feeling towards all humanity as Christmas. It is not only a time of well wishing, but kindly doing, with a vein of sympathy that would turn no one away empty, withhold no tender greeting, no act of kindness, no word of love that might contribute to another's happiness. No sacrifice seems too great that we might not bless one another—no yielding up of self too trying that we might not smooth some life, no trial of patience too great that we might not bear and forbear with a spirit vexed with many things. An appreciative Christmas will rule the baseness, rudeness and roughness out of any life. Christmas is the time of love, hatred, envy and malice can have no Christmas. Greed and selfishness are entirely foreign to the day.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Don't forget that the Big Sandy News in its enlarged and improved condition makes a desirable gift at small expense for your friends. We have a nice card to send to the person for whom the subscription is made, showing that it is a Christmas present. This card will give the name of the person who is having the paper sent. It will be mailed so as to reach party at proper time.

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## CHRISTMAS CHEER

—and when they had opened their treasures they presented  
unto Him Gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Happiness at Yuletide depends not so much upon what one receives but what one gives. Not only the giving of gifts but a happy smile, a pleasant word, a thoughtful deed.

Of course the Kiddies and the Homefolks must be remembered in a more substantial way—but let everything be useful.

Gift things here are beautiful as well as practical, so gifts from Zenner-Bradshaw's may be selected with complete assurance of being acceptable, and all departments are in perfect readiness with Christmas varieties at their crest for the big shopping week.

This Week the Zenith of Xmas  
Shopping

First to have real pleasure from your Christmas shopping you should do it early in the day if possible.

However we have sufficient clerks to insure efficient service, at your command. Our large roomy aisles enable you to make your selections better and not be jostled around because of congestion, so much in evidence during these busy hours.





## UP AND DOWN BIG SANDY VALLEY.

## PIKEVILLE

## Homer Huffman Killed.

Homer Huffman of Millard was killed while working on the new bridge across the Russell Fork at the forks last Monday when one of the buckets carrying concrete gave away suddenly and crashed down upon him from a height of fifteen or twenty feet. Huffman was cut about the face, limbs and other parts of the body, but his death which occurred within half an hour after the crash, was the result of internal injuries.

The deceased was 19 years of age. His father, the late Anderson Huffman, was killed by a train at The Forks depot in 1912.

## Sewing Party.

Miss Sallie Vickers, Miss Virgie McComb, Mrs. J. W. Vickers proved charming hostesses at a lovely sewing party at the hospitable Vickers home Friday evening. Beautiful chrysanthemums and shaded lights added to the beauty of the scene. Late in the evening a two course luncheon was served.

## Missionary Society.

Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South met at the home of Mrs. Kate Ratliff. After devotional meeting, conducted by Mrs. L. L. Stone, business was taken up and election of new officers: Mrs. P. T. Hatcher, president; Victor Bevins, vice president; Mrs. Dick Scott, local treasurer; Mrs. Carl Bevins, treasurer of dues; Dixie Ratliff, secretary; Mrs. Kate Ratliff, corresponding secretary. Refreshments were served.

## Raid On Stills.

J. C. Beatty, prohibition officer, returned to Pikeville from the Long Fork of Johns creek where he, together with a number of other officers, conducted a raid which resulted in the capture of two stills and out-fits and the arrest of six men.

The men arrested were Paris Coleman, Thomas Coleman, John Griffey and Howard Hunt, charged with "moonshining." Anthony Coleman was placed under arrest when he attempted to give the alarm on the approach of the officers, and Claud McCown was taken into custody.

## Killed By Slate.

Warry Goff, son of Paris Goff, of Raccoon, was instantly killed by falling slate in the C. F. McCoy mine on Ferguson creek last Saturday.

Henry Adams was in the mine with him at the time. Goff had been testing the slate with his pick. Adams warned him of the danger of its falling. To this Goff replied he believed it would fall and by the time he was through speaking a large piece dropped from the 48 inch ruff, caught his head beneath it and crushed him to the floor.

Adams, unable to remove the slate, called for assistance. He returned in a short time and combined effort of three men was required to remove the slate.

Goff is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Myrtle Layne, to whom he had been married less than a year.

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Mrs. G. W. Greer since Sunday evening, left Thursday for their home in San Diego, California.

Mrs. W. P. Call and Mrs. G. W. Greer entertained at a delightful Kensington Tuesday evening at the attractive home of the former in honor of Mrs. M. Raymond Greer. The home was arranged with decorations of chrysanthemums. A lovely salad course was served at ten-thirty to the guests.—Pike County News.

## PAINTSVILLE

## Masons to Move.

Paintsville Lodge No. 281, F. & A. M. and the Chapter Masons are moving to the third floor of the old school building.

## Rev. Allen to Conduct Revival.

On account of a conference on Missions and Evangelism in the Georgia Conference Evangelist Harry S. Allen will not be able to reach Paintsville until Sunday, Jan. 15. The meeting in the Mayo Memorial church will begin with that date.

Mrs. J. F. Prindle and daughter, Miss Loretta, are spending the winter in Vero, Florida, where Mrs. Prindle owns a large citrus fruit farm.

Mrs. Briton Spradlin of Denver, died Saturday after a few days illness with pneumonia. Her husband had died from heart failure only ten days prior to her death.

## Mayo College.

Among the interesting features of school were the chapel services of Saturday and Tuesday mornings conducted by Miss Hazel Williams. Miss Williams reads her Scripture lessons from memory and offers prayer with a devoutness that refreshes the soul. At the Saturday morning service Miss Edna May Spears read a paper on Christian Education that shows her appreciation and understanding of this important subject. Tuesday morning George Wells discussed the value of efficiency and Miss June Meade read a paper on educated leadership. All of these students clearly demonstrated the value of preparedness.

## New Quarters.

At last we are able to announce to the public that Paintsville will have a new postoffice beginning some time in January. The Government has leased the new building of Hon. Jas. W. Turner and he has ordered new fixtures and equipment. It will be a modern room and equipment and something that Paintsville has badly needed for many years.—Herald.

## PRESTONSBURG

Wayne Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt, died Wednesday at the home of his brother, James Hunt. He was about 35 years old and unmarried.

Mrs. W. P. Mayo and sons left Tuesday for Oklahoma to spend the holidays with relatives. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Olga May.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. May will leave the latter part of the week for Cincinnati to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Minix.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goble left Sunday for Richmond, Va., to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Quisenberry.

Mrs. A. E. Hopkins and granddaughter, Miss Grace Layne, are in Cincinnati shopping this week.

Jack Cottrell has returned from medical school at Philadelphia to spend the holidays with homefolks.—Prestonsburg Post.

## LONDON, O., R. 4

The annual revival meeting will start at Thomas chapel the 20th with Rev. Byers as the evangelist.

The grades of Fairfield school will give a play "On Christmas Eve," Dec. 22nd. The Fairfield orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. Harvey Rose was called to the Grant hospital to see her brother Edward Shonkville, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ryan and Mrs. John Corder were shopping in London Saturday.

George Grims who has been working for Nathan Ryan has returned home for a visit.

The Dennison chapel church has organized a Christian Endeavor society. We are hoping they can go on with it.

Miss Anita Jones, our county nurse, was the guest of Miss Fay Crabbe of Columbus. Miss Crabbe is graduating from the training school of Grant hospital.

We are glad to know we can keep our county nurse next year. We feel she had quite a success last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and their grandson Ollie Smith were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Crum and family.—AN OLD KY. GIRL.

## HICKSVILLE

Several attended prayer meeting at Mrs. G. W. Hays' Sunday.

Sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Kelly. The bereaved family has our deepest sympathy.

Dale and Vess Stewart who have spent the past three years in Alaska have returned to spend the winter with relatives at this place.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson was visiting her sister at Grayson Sunday last.

Rebecca Wright who has been at Hitchins has returned home.

Misses Lula Caldwell, Eliza Johnson and Orla Thompson, Messers. Clyde and Claude Sawyer, Willie Adams, Jake Wright and Dale Stewart were visitors at Clyde Curran's school Friday.

Mrs. A. E. Busch expects to visit friends at Ashland soon.

Miss Lula Caldwell was the Sunday guest of Stella McKinney.

Mrs. A. L. Hicks and daughter were shopping at Oslie Saturday.

Stella McKinney spent last week with her aunt at Denton.

Bessie and Jessie Dalton expect to visit friends at Jattie soon.

Mrs. Rube Adams was calling on her sister at Yatesville last week.

Let us hear from Irad, Overda and Jattie soon. SANTA CLAUS.

## CATLETTSBURG

## Syrian Made Citizen.

Jasper I. Snod, prominent young business man was here from Pikeville in the interest of taking out citizenship papers. He obtained his naturalization papers through the United States court and is now a full fledged American citizen. W. B. Yost and W. H. Flannery testified as to his splendid character. Mr. Snod is a man of exemplary character. He came to America from Syria 18 years ago and has lived most of that time at Pikeville.

## New Lumber Company.

Application has been made to the Boyd County Clerk and the Secretary of State in Frankfort for a charter for the Rice-Emerick Lumber Co. to be capitalized at \$100,000. The incorporators will be C. L. Rice of Charles, W. Va.; John W. Emerick of Catlettsburg; and William Salisbury, mayor of Ashland.

## Marriage Licenses.

O. Ray Conley, 23, Lexington, to Miss Maude Stepp, 22, Ashland; James A. Brophy, 65, brakeman, to Pauline Sizemore Knight, 46; both of Columbus.

John Lockwood, 25, of Alphoretta, to Mrs. Jane Webb, 25, of East Lynn, W. Va.

## Moved to Ashland.

Van Buren Shortridge, who moved here from Lawrence county some months ago and who has been residing since then in one of the Justice residences on West Twenty-eighth street, is locating in Ashland. Mr. Shortridge owns a fine farm in Lawrence county and is a stock merchant.

## Local and Personal.

W. R. Akers is suffering from an attack of influenza. Mrs. Akers who is also ill is not so well at this time.

Rev. W. R. Hall of Beaver Creek was here a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Emerick will locate in Ashland in February having purchased a handsome home at Montgomery avenue and Fourteenth street.

Miss Dorothy Armstrong who has been superintendent of the hospital in Paintsville has resigned to accept a similar one in Huntington.

Miss Ouida Gerlach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gerlach arrived home Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in Ashland. Miss Gerlach is a student at Berea College.

## BATAVIA, O., R. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Frazier announce the marriage of their daughter Clara to Mr. Edgar Zarmehy of Batavia, on December 13th. The happy bride and groom will reside at Cincinnati, where he has a position as electrician. They received numerous presents from friends and relatives. Refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by all present at both serenade and shower.

Misses Jean Frazier and Marie Glancy were shoppers in Cincinnati Saturday.

Miss Audrey Meek entertained her friend from Newport, Ky., from Saturday to Monday.

Z. T. Frazier has employment at Hillsboro as Rawleigh man.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Regan have returned home from a vaudeville tour in Chicago.

Mrs. John McAfee is recovering from her long illness due to paralysis.

Mrs. James Glancy and Mrs. Z. T. Frazier were visitors in Indiana recently.

Fred, Bill and John Frazier and families of Rising Sun, Indiana, will be the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Frazier, from Thursday to Saturday on their way to their homes in Louisiana, Ky.

Rosa and Jimerson Hardwick are expected to be with relatives here through Christmas.

A revival is being held here by Mr. John Kilmer. Much good is being accomplished and more hoped for.

## TWO DUMB BELLS.

## PLEASANT RIDGE

There will be meeting here the 1st Saturday night and Sunday in January by Rev. Hutchison.

Robert Berry of Genoa, W. Va., who was wounded on Thanksgiving day, died Thursday and was brought thru here Saturday enroute to his old home at Twin Branch for burial.

The airplane passing thru here enroute to Blaine is a source of great pleasure to all. We hope the trips will continue indefinitely.

Bill Starr spent Tuesday afternoon with G. A. Haws.

Columbus Chaffin of Christmas spent Sunday with Allen and Miss Gee Hutchison.

Mrs. Wm. Barnett spent Monday with J. O. Pigg and family.

John Blankenship of Daniels Creek was the week-end guest of Tommy Adams and family.

Vant Wellman made a business trip to Louisa Friday.

Allen Hutchison spent Sunday with relatives at Evergreen.

Millard Bradley of Oslie spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley.

Miss Gladys Bentley accompanied by Martin Adams, spent Monday with home folks at Yatesville.

Shade Chaffin and Harry Burchett of Christmas spent Saturday night with G. A. Haws and family.

Miss Erma Bentley of Yatesville is spending a few days with her sister, Miss Gladys Bentley.

Miss Gladys Hays will begin her Christmas vacation at home Saturday this week.

Jack Wellman was the guest of Ollie Chapman Tuesday afternoon.

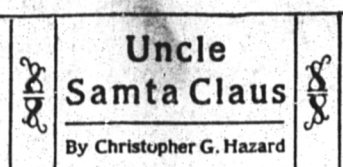
G. A. Haws has purchased a fine horse of Wm. Starr.

Miss Emily Haws was the guest of Misses Gee Hutchison and Gladys Bentley.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. Hester Grubb were shocked to hear of her sudden death.

## SNOW BIRD.

W. K. Steele, of Pikeville, has been appointed U. S. Commissioner by Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. S. Trivette.



Uncle Santa Claus  
By Christopher G. Hazard

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"TELL us a story, Uncle Peter," said the children, as they climbed over their kindly relative on Christmas eve. "A story!" repeated Uncle Peter, affecting surprise, but willing to draw upon his inexhaustible stock; "well, have you ever heard of Uncle Santa Claus?" "Oh, you mean Uncle Santa Claus!" exclaimed Jack. "No, I don't," said Uncle Peter; "I mean the old man with the plug hat, the blue swallowtail coat, the striped breeches; the old man with eyes like stars and a smile that never comes off excepting when somebody is treading on somebody else; the old man with the striped flag, whose headquarters is up in Alaska; the biggest Santa Claus there is." "All right, then," answered the children, "tell us about him."

"Well," said Uncle Peter, "he has his hands full just now and is doing all he can to fill the hands of others. The air is so noisy with wireless cries and clamors, there are so many hands reaching out over the seas, that he is almost distracted. Ever since he got back from the great war he has been repairing its damage and renewing the prosperity that it spoiled. And long before that he was in the Christ mass business. He surprised China by refusing to accept the great sum of the Boxer indemnity. He let the Cubans have Cuba when he had made them free, and many thought that he had a right to take that fair island for himself. He is working hard at his task of making America truly American, a sober, industrious, enlightened, prosperous, happy, Christ massy nation."

"I'm glad I'm one of his American children," said Agnes, when Uncle Peter had concluded; with which sentiment all the rest agreed.

A little cloud of doubt had arisen on the Christmas sky, however, as



"I'm Glad I'm One," Said Agnes.

Uncle Peter had spoken of Uncle Santa's lavishness in far countries. Edith voiced it when she wanted to know if it would be of any use for them to expect anything that Christ mas, whether or not they were to hang up their stockings. "You'll put your foot in it if you do," said George. "No she won't," said Uncle Peter; "I have had a special delivery letter from Uncle Santa, saying that he has his eye on this house for the last twelve months, and that this will be one of his stopping places because from so much of service for others has been going out. He says that you are his gardeners, and that you have planted so many seeds of kindness that a lot of beautiful things will be sure to come up. That is always the way, he says; in fact, it is the way in which he got rich himself."

This was a very pleasant assurance for the children. It made them think of a happy mistake that one of them had made when they were having war gardens all over the town. A certain Mr. Rose had been appointed by the mayor as inspector of gardens for the whole place, and one day Betty pointed him out to a friend with whom she was walking. "There goes Mr. Rose," she said; "he's an expert of gardens."

When the children had been reminded of Mr. Rose they also remembered what Betty had done at their last Christmas party; stalking heavily and pompously down the room, she had said: "I'm Mr. Atlas, who holds up the world." So one of them stood up and said: "There goes Mr. Atlas, who holds up the world."

There was just a disappointment in the house the next morning. "Did you get all that you wanted?" asked Uncle Peter. "Yes," said Mary. "Were you at all disappointed?" "No," said Mary. When Mary said "Goodness," her mother said, "You shouldn't say 'goodness,' Mary." "Gracious," said Mary. But Mary was too excited to have a care for her expressions. In describing the situation afterwards she said: "I was in a perfect stupor of excitement."

Uncle Peter had a present, too. After all the rest had been made happy Agnes brought out a parcel and when Uncle Peter opened it there were two big books that told over again the story of all that America had stood for and accomplished. This made him very glad indeed, and he asked them to write his name on the fly leaf and to say that it was from his Young Americans. Then the Christmas party ended with a verse of our national anthem, heartily sung and followed by all the other verses, with a hurrah for Uncle Sam instead of an amen.

## BRIEF NEWS

Six army men were killed in an aeroplane accident at Langley Field, Virginia, on December 6.

The Soviet government of Russia expects to recruit 5,000 steel workers from Ohio this month.

A marriage ceremony performed by radio is illegal, according to Attorney General Newton, of New York.

The British minister to Guatemala has been recalled on charges of being mixed up in politics of the republic.

Former Postmaster General John Wamamaker died at his home in Philadelphia last week.

The town hall at Norfolk, Mass., built in 1797, was destroyed, together with valuable records, by fire on December 5.

Women of the United States wear more than 500,000 styles of shoes, according to one member of the Department of Commerce.

The license which authorized the marriage of Charles Dickens to Catharine Hogarth in 1836 was sold in London recently for \$150.

The national parks had 1,216,490 visitors during the past year, an increase of 44,493 persons over the travel record of the previous year.

Decline in the nation's birth rate and increase in its death rate during the present year, as compared with 1921, is predicted by the Census Bureau.

A movement to make Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the next Republican Governor of New York has been launched in that State.

St. Louis, Mo., was incorporated one hundred years ago December 9. It then had a population of 5,500, as compared with approximately 800,000 today.

Former President Woodrow Wilson is improving steadily in health, according to his physician, and can now walk without aid for the first time in three years.

China has agreed to pay Japan 40,000,000 yen for the Shantung railroad, payment to be made in fifteen year Chinese treasury notes with six per cent interest.

Major General Leonard Wood has resigned the office of provost of the University of Pennsylvania and will remain governor general of the Philippine Islands.

In the twenty years the national reclamation act has been in operation government engineers have reclaimed 2,775,000 acres of land. This work included the construction of the Roosevelt Dam in Arizona, Arrowrock Dam in Idaho, Elephant Butte Dam in New Mexico, and the Pathfinder and Shoshone Dams in Wyoming.

Appropriations aggregating \$3,078,490.31 for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next have been asked of Congress by President Harding in the second annual Federal budget.

Work on the country's waterways will require \$7,515,410 in the early beginning July 1 next, according to recommendations submitted to Congress by the chief of engineers of the army.

United States pensioners received \$25,367,583 during the fiscal year. The cost of maintenance of the pension system was \$11,394,079. The number of pensioners on the rolls June 30 was 547,916.

There is more gold in New York City at the present time than has ever before been gathered in one spot. The twelve Federal banks there hold \$3,200,000,000 in gold, or forty per cent of the world's supply.

Dead letters to the number of 16,584,419 remained undelivered in the Post Office Department at the close of last fiscal year and more than 600 packages were undelivered because of carelessness in addressing.

An armored tank expected to revolutionize modern warfare has been successfully demonstrated in New York, where it swam the Hudson River and climbed the forty-per-cent slope to the rock cliffs on the other side.

During the year ending June 30 last the government received as royalty from oil produced on government lands the sum of \$1,758,257, and, in addition, \$1,400 a month was being received from natural gas leases.

Three American relief ships with Red Cross supplies have reached the port of Athens. The combined value of the cargoes is \$475,000. The last shipment of Red Cross food supplies left New York on December 15.

The German government fitted out 1,400 officers, 2,400 sitting rooms, 5,000 dining rooms, 10,300 bedrooms, and 4,600 kitchens for the forces of occupation in the Rhineland between the fall of 1921 and the last summer.

Mine disasters in the United States during the ten months ending October 31 last caused the death of 1,378.

Germany has thus far shown an increase in explosions of gas and coal dust, notwithstanding the fact that a large part of the coal-mining industry was shut down for five months during the strike.

Friends of prohibition in the House made a clean sweep on December 8 in knocking out amendments to the prohibition section of the treasury supply bill which they declare were designed to weaken the enforcement of the Volstead law.

European requirements for wheat during the current cereal year will be about 640,000,000 bushels. Eastern European States can furnish about three per cent of this. Before the war they supplied about forty per cent of the requirements.

Dr. Nansen, Arctic explorer, is to receive the Nobel peace prize for his work as League of Nations commissioner in relieving the starving populations of Russia and Asia minor and for his endeavors to promote the brotherhood of nations.

The Senate Agricultural Committee, composed chiefly of "progressives," is fathering an amendment to the Constitution, moving up the time of the presidential inauguration and the convening of Congress to the January following each election.